



VICTORIA POLICE

INFORMATION FOR LICENCE HOLDERS

PLEASE ENSURE YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE 10 RULES BELOW:

1. Treat every firearm as loaded. Do not accept the word of another person that it is not loaded.
2. Always point the firearm in a safe direction.
3. Load a firearm only when you are ready to shoot.
4. Identify your target beyond all doubt, if in doubt, do not shoot.
5. Check your firing zone. It is dependent on the firearm being used.
6. Store your firearms and ammunition separately. It is your responsibility to store safely as required by law. Do your storage facilities comply with Schedule 4 of the *Firearms Act 1996*?
7. No alcohol or drugs when handling firearms.
8. Never have a loaded firearm in the home, car, or camp.
9. Never fire at hard surfaces or water.
10. Do not climb fences or obstacles with a loaded firearm.

These instructions will keep you, your family, and others around you safe.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW THE MOST COMMON FIREARM RELATED OFFENCES:

Storage:

Fail to store firearms in a secure manner.
Fail to store ammunition in a correct manner.

Possess, carry, or use a firearm on private property without consent:

Hunters fail to ask permission of landowners when shooting on their property or walking through another person's property.

To own a firearm without a licence to possess:

When a licence expires, the firearm needs to be held at a licensed firearm dealer and transferred into the dealer licence. The applicant can then reapply.

Making false or misleading statements or using false information in an application:

Fail to declare criminal history or failing to declare medical history.

FURTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Estate Planning:

Licensed firearm owners are encouraged to consider timely estate planning for firearms you own and reflect this in your Will. It is also important to communicate your wishes to your family and your executor.