



WEAPONS STORAGE REQUIREMENTS ARE CHANGING. **ARE YOU READY?**



NEW LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS FOR CATEGORY A, B, C, E AND M WEAPONS ARE BEING INTRODUCED.

From 12 March 2027, storage containers for these weapons must:

- be made of solid steel.
- be securely fixed to the frame or floor of the building if they weigh less than 150kg.

WHAT THE LEGISLATION CHANGE MEANS FOR YOU

New legislative requirements stipulate that solid timber containers, safes and cabinets will no longer be permitted for storing Category, A, B, C, E and M weapons. All licence holders are encouraged to review their current storage measures to ensure compliance by 12 March 2027.

All other firearm storage requirements under the legislation, Weapons Regulation 2016, remain the same including:

- Containers must have a sturdy combination lock, keyed lock or keyed padlock.
- Containers must always be locked (other than for the time necessary to insert or remove a weapon).
- Owners must store firearms unloaded in a locked container with the weapon's bolt removed or its action broken.
- Ammunition must be stored separately to weapons.

It is the responsibility of a person who possesses a firearm to take all reasonable precautions to ensure:

- safe storage of firearms
- firearms are not lost or stolen
- firearms do not come into the possession of unauthorised persons.

These legislative requirements must be met by 12 March 2027.

**FAILURE TO MEET LEGAL SAFE STORAGE REQUIREMENTS
COULD RESULT IN FINES OF UP TO \$16,000 OR TWO YEARS
IMPRISONMENT, UNDER SECTION 60 OF THE WEAPONS ACT 1990.**



For further information regarding safe storage of weapons and ammunition, including when firearms are being transported in vehicles, go to:



[police.qld.gov.au/weapon-licensing/
safe-storage-weapons-and-ammunition](https://police.qld.gov.au/weapon-licensing/safe-storage-weapons-and-ammunition)