

Safe storage of firearms helps everyone. Halifax NS

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(NC)-Canada has very strict safe-storage laws for firearms, and for good reason. "Storing firearms safely is essential to keeping Canadian homes and communities safer," says Chief Superintendent François Bidal, Director General of the RCMP's Canada Firearms Centre.

Government regulations state that all firearms must be unloaded for storage.

Non-restricted rifles and shotguns must either be made inoperable by means of a secure locking device such as a trigger lock or by removing the bolt, or they must be kept in a cabinet, container or room that is securely locked and that is constructed so that it cannot easily be broken into. The only exceptions are firearms needed temporarily for predator control in areas where they can legally be fired, and those being stored in remote wilderness areas. Ammunition must be kept separate or locked up except in remote wilderness areas.

Requirements for restricted and prohibited firearms such as handguns are more stringent.

People who fail to comply with the regulations risk penalties of up to five years in prison under the Criminal Code.

To obtain a pamphlet outlining the safe-storage requirements, call the Canada Firearms Centre toll free at 1-800-731-4000. Information is also available on their web site at www.cfc-cafc.gc.ca.

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