



Firearm Storage and Transportation Suggested Policy

The National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee suggests the following standards for adoption by state programs in the storage and transportation of firearms and ammunition.

General Storage Principles

1. All storage areas should require multiple keys or combinations for access on at least two levels, i.e. locked storage inside locked locations.
2. Control of all keys and combinations must rest with those responsible for the equipment being stored and restricted to those individuals authorized to access the equipment.
3. Authority for access rests with the appropriate level within the Extension System – state, regional, district, county or local – depending upon the level at which the equipment is being used.

Storage of Firearms and Air Guns

1. All firearms and air guns should be stored in commercial firearm safes or similarly secure circumstances.
2. Access to secure storage areas and to all keys and combinations should be limited to duly authorized persons as determined at the appropriate level of Extension organization.

Storage of Archery Equipment

1. Archery equipment should be stored in a secure safe, chest, locker or similar area having environmental control over excessively high temperatures and away from sources of ozone or other oxidants.
2. Access to secure storage areas and to all keys and combinations should be limited to duly authorized persons as determined at the appropriate level of Extension organization.

Storage of Muzzle Loading and Reloading Supplies

1. Storage of all muzzle loading supplies should follow both fire code and manufacturers' instructions.
2. Percussion caps should be stored separately from both the firearms and black powder or its substitutes.
3. Primers and powder supplies should be stored separately under lock and key.
4. Powder supplies should be stored in their original containers in a cool, dry environment.
5. Where amounts dictate, powder supplies should be housed in magazines as stipulated in fire codes.
6. Access to these supplies should be limited to duly authorized individuals with multiple layers of key or combinations required.

Ammunition

1. All ammunition and projectiles should be stored separately from firearms and air guns.
2. Ammunition should be stored under cool, dry conditions with multiple keyed or combination access required.
3. Access to ammunition should be limited to duly authorized persons.

Transportation of Equipment

1. Firearms being transported should be secured in cases.
2. Gun cases should be locked and secured so they are not readily visible from outside the vehicle.
3. Vehicles transporting equipment should not be left unattended.
4. All state and local laws must be considered when transporting equipment.