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Individuals Purchasing a Handgun and Safe Storage

The following is provided to you in response to concerns received from Club Secretaries not wishing to take responsibility whether an applicant's Safe Storage request meets Firearms' Regulations.

You can find out about safe storage requirements on the Firearms Registry website. You are required to have appropriate safe storage levels for your firearm.

(www.police.nsw.gov.au/online_services/firearms then select **Safe Storage | Firearms Level 1 and Level 2),**

If it is **your first time purchasing a handgun** or **your safe storage circumstances have changed** since your last inspection, you can contact your local Licensing Police and arrange for a safe storage inspection.

After the inspection passes the minimum specification requirements, you will be given an Event Number. Keep this in a safe place, as you can use this on the Permit to Acquire (PTA) Form to satisfy that you meet the necessary safe storage requirements.

The Firearms Registry can do a search on the Event Number to check its validity. The Club Secretary is not responsible if the number provided by the individual is not correct.

If the firearm being purchased is not your first handgun, - and your **safe storage situation has not changed at all**, you may submit your new PTA with your previous Safe Storage Inspection Event Number.

- If your safe storage situation has not changed, you will need to make out a Statutory Declaration stating that your safe storage facilities have not changed. (there are severe penalties for making false declarations).

If your safe storage facility has not changed at all but you cannot find your previous Event Number, call the Firearms Registry on 1300 362 562 and ask for your previous Event Number.

If your **safe storage situation has changed**, you can contact your local Licensing Police and arrange an inspection for your new safe storage facility, and for this, you will be given a new Event Number.

If the Club Secretary is willing to accept a Statutory Declaration from the PTA applicant and take responsibility as to whether the safe storage does satisfy the legislation requirements, they may sign the document.

The Association recommends that the Police inspect the safe storage.

NOTE: the document has been formatted in consultation with the Firearms Registry, with the intent of making the information available to Club Secretaries and Members, as clear and as concise as possible, without having to read through verbose government documents.