

Protect your Firearm Protect your Sport

The National Crime Agency, the British Association for Shooting and Conservation (BASC) and the police have produced some advice to help keep your firearm secure. The advice is part of a national initiative to reduce the chances of theft of legally-owned firearms.

Keep it locked up and keep it hidden

- **Unless being used, always keep your firearm locked securely in an approved gun cabinet** and do not leave guns "out to dry" – this could present a gift to opportunist burglars.
- **Do not hang cabinet keys where they can be found** or divulge the whereabouts of your cabinet keys to unauthorised people (that includes family and friends) for any reason.
- **Ideally keys should be stored in a locked drawer or small safe.**

For more information please visit;
<http://bit.ly/1KBfz8s>
or view the Home Office guidance:
www.gov.uk/government/publications/firearms-handbook-2005

Transport your firearms securely

- **Firearms stored in vehicles present a higher risk of theft than when stored at home** – keep your firearm and any firearms-related materials out of sight.

For specific security advice for your circumstances please visit:
www.gov.uk/government/publications/firearms-handbook-2005

Be vigilant

- **Remain vigilant when you are carrying your firearm**, especially when entering and leaving known shooting venues such as commercial clay shooting grounds. Criminals may target these areas to obtain information and steal firearms.

Report any suspicious activity to Police by dialling **101**, or Crimestoppers anonymously via phone (**0800 555 111**) or online (www.crimestoppers-uk.org). Always call the Police on **999** in an emergency.

Be safe online

- **The more people who know you possess firearms, the greater the risk you face of being targeted by criminals.** Posting on social media sites including Twitter, Facebook or YouTube can identify you, your home and the presence of firearms. Consider updating your security settings to limit public access to your account.

For more information please visit; www.getsafeonline.org/social-networking/social-networking-sites

Following this advice could help reduce the number of firearms ending up in the wrong hands



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