



Sarnia Police Services Board Policy

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A Legislative/Regulatory Requirements

Section 117 of the *Firearms Act* provides the legislative authority for the regulations made under the *Firearms Act*. These regulations set out stringent requirements relating to the safe storage and transfer of firearms for both individual owners and public agents, including police officers.

Section 3 (1) of the *Public Agents Firearms Regulations* requires that a public agent shall store firearms when not in use in a container, receptacle, vault, safe or room that is kept securely locked and that is constructed so that it cannot easily be broken open or into.

B Board Policy

1. It is the policy of the Sarnia Police Services Board with respect to the safe storage of police service firearms that the Chief of Police will establish procedures that are consistent with the requirements of the *Firearms Act* and the *Public Agents Firearms Regulations*.