



Community ^{In} The Know

Firearm Safety

The Second Amendment of the United States Constitution states you have the right to “*keep and bear arms,*” and the South Holland Police Department wants to ensure that our residents who choose to exercise this right are doing so in a responsible and safe manner. This information is designed to refresh current gun owners of Illinois State laws, provide information for residents who want to own firearms and also provide some firearm safety tips.

The Definition of Firearm per the FOID Act:

"Firearm" means any device, by whatever name known, which is designed to expel a projectile or projectiles by the action of an explosion, expansion of gas or escape of gas, with some exception.

Firearm Owners Identification (FOID)

- Any person who possesses or acquires a firearm or ammunition in the State of Illinois is required, unless specifically exempted by State statute, to possess a FOID card issued with his/her information
- A convicted felon cannot possess an FOID card therefore may not own/possess a firearm
- A person convicted of Domestic Battery is not eligible for a FOID card
- You can obtain an application for an FOID at retail establishments where firearms are sold or at the Illinois State Police website at www.isp.il.us
- FOID cards, unless revoked by the State or Illinois Statute, are valid for 10 years; Concealed Carry License 5 Years

Transporting Firearms

- As of January 1, 2014 Illinois will allow Conceal Carry License to be issued to residents and Out-of-State applicants
- Illinois **does not** honor Concealed Carry Permits or Licenses from other States
- To transport a firearm in a vehicle the weapon must be: *Unloaded, completely Enclosed in a Case, and transported by a Person(s) who has a valid FOID card.*
 - Unless you have a Concealed Carry License then a Handgun may be carried “on or about a person in a vehicle.”
- For more information about a Concealed Carry License go to the Illinois State Police website at ccl4illinois.com

Firearm Storage

- Be sure to read the weapons manual to ensure safe handling and storage of your firearm(s)
- **ALWAYS** Keep the gun unloaded until ready to use
- Store guns so they are not accessible to unauthorized persons such as in a heavy locking safe
- Besides a locking safe we also suggest using locking devices that attach directly to the firearm to either preventing the trigger from being pulled or the weapon mechanics from functioning
- Do not store ammunition in same area as your weapons

Firearm Safety

- **ALWAYS** assume all guns are loaded.
- **Never** point a gun at anything you do not intend to kill
- Keep your finger **OFF** the trigger until you are ready to shoot
- Keep guns unloaded when not in use
- **Never** consume alcohol before or during the handling of firearms
- Talk to your children about gun safety even if you don't own firearms
- Teach children: Stop, Don't Touch, Leave the area, Tell an Adult

**Guns are not good or bad...
They can't make their own decisions.**

**In case of an Emergency dial 9-1-1
For all other incidents dial (708)331-3131**

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