



*California Penal Code (CPC) section 12071 states that if a person under 18 years of age obtains a firearm from any premise that is in your custody or control, and uses it, resulting in injury, or carries it to a public place, you may be guilty of a misdemeanor or a felony unless you stored the firearm in a locked container or locked the firearm with a locking device to keep it from temporarily functioning.*

It is the policy of the California 4-H YDP shooting sports program that, when not in use, all firearms owned by 4-H units must be unloaded and stored either in a locked gun safe that meets the standards for gun safes adopted pursuant to section 12088.2 of the California Penal Code, or stored with a properly utilized firearm safety device (FSD) that is on the Department of Justice (DOJ) Roster of Firearm Safety Devices Certified for Sale. The DOJ maintains a list of approved gun safes and FSD's. There is a link to search makes and models at: <http://oag.ca.gov/firearms/fsdcertlist>. The DOJ regulatory gun safe standards can be found here: <http://oag.ca.gov/firearms/gunsafe>.

As defined by the Dangerous Weapons Control Law, section 12001;

a "firearm" means any device from which is expelled through a barrel a projectile by the force of any explosion or other form of combustion.

The term BB gun (or air rifle/pistol) means any instrument that expels a metallic projectile, such as a BB or a pellet, through the force of air pressure, CO2 pressure or spring action.

In most circumstances, air guns are treated and handled the same as firearms. While the storage of air guns is not regulated like firearms, it is the California 4-H YDP Shooting Sports program policy that firearms and air guns, (rifles, pistols, BB guns), owned by California 4-H shooting sports groups shall be stored in a safe and appropriate manner that makes them inaccessible to unauthorized use. Storage options include standard gun safes, a "long gun safe" (this is a locking container designed to fully contain and secure a long gun but that does not meet the standards for gun safes, (As defined in 12087.6(c) of the CPC)), other locked box capable of the storage of air guns (available from some air gun companies), or in a storage area that is kept locked and is only accessible by authorized individuals.

All firearms and air guns owned by a 4-H unit must be uniquely identifiable or marked as 4-H property and a permanent record of inventory kept. In addition to any local record, the firearms should be recorded in the University inventory system.

If 4-H shooting sports equipment is stored at an adult volunteer's home, there will be a check out log on file at the county 4-H YDP office to maintain a clear chain of custody. If an adult volunteer stores 4-H guns or other 4-H shooting sports equipment at their home,





their signature on the [Equipment Check Out Log](#) is acknowledgement that they possess 4-H property that will and must be returned immediately at such time as they are no longer a shooting sports adult volunteer or the appropriate custodian of the guns.

In any unit that owns air guns or firearms, the shooting sports adult volunteer will be responsible for performing annual inspections of all firearms and keeping a [Maintenance Log](#) on each firearm or air gun. This log will document cleanings, inspections, repairs, acquisition and disposition.

All firearm ammunition will be kept in a locked box or location separate from firearms and inaccessible to unauthorized use. In some communities, there are additional local laws regarding firearms that may apply. It is the responsibility of all shooting sports adult volunteers to be aware of, and abide by, all applicable laws regarding the use of firearms and air guns in their community, the most stringent shall apply. Check with your local law enforcement agency.

In addition to the storage requirements discussed above, the shooting sports leaders or volunteers must also be familiar and comply with state and local laws and regulations concerning the transport of firearms. For example, any firearm must be unloaded during transit. 4-H staff and volunteers may refer to the California Firearms Laws Summary for more information (<http://oag.ca.gov/sites/all/files/agweb/pdfs/firearms/pdf/cfl2013.pdf>).

