

TITLE 6: CRIMES AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE
DIVISION 10: SPECIAL ACT FOR FIREARMS ENFORCEMENT (SAFE)

§ 10764. On-site security.

(a) All firearms and ammunition in the inventory of a licensee must be kept at the permitted business location.

(b) If the proposed or current business location is to be used at least in part for the sale of firearms, all perimeter doorways, windows, and heating, ventilating, air-conditioning, and service openings shall be secured in a manner prescribed by the Department of Public Safety.

(1) Such securing shall, at a minimum, include:

(i) All perimeter doorways equipped with one of the following:

(A) A windowless steel security door equipped with both a dead bolt and a doorknob lock.

(B) A windowed metal door that is equipped with both a dead bolt and a doorknob lock. If the window has an opening of five inches or more measured in any direction, the window must be covered with steel bars of at least one-half inch diameter or metal grating of at least nine gauge affixed to the exterior or interior of the door.

(C) A metal grate that is padlocked and affixed to the licensee's premises independent of the door and doorframe.

(ii) All windows covered with solid steel bars of at least one-half inch diameter.

(iii) Heating, ventilating, air-conditioning, and service openings secured with steel bars, metal grating, or an alarm system.

(2) For the purposes of this section:

(i) Any metal grates have spaces no larger than six inches wide measured in any direction.

(ii) Any metal screens have spaces no larger than three inches wide measured in any direction.

(iii) All steel bars must be no further than six inches apart.

(c) Any time a licensed business location is not open to the public, every firearm shall be stored in one of the following ways:

(1) In a locked fireproof safe or vault in the licensee's business premises that meets Underwriters Laboratories Residential Security Container rating standards by a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL); or

(2) Secured with a hardened steel rod or cable of at least one-fourth inch in diameter through the trigger guard of the firearm. No more than five firearms may be affixed to any one rod or cable at any time.

(d) Any time a licensed business location is open to the public, all firearms shall be kept unloaded and all firearms and ammunition shall be kept inaccessible to the public, except in the immediate presence of and under the direct supervision of the licensee or his or her employees.

(e) The licensed business location shall be secured by an alarm system that is installed and maintained by an alarm company operator properly licensed pursuant to Commonwealth law. The alarm system must be approved by the Department of Public Safety.

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(f) The licensed business location shall be equipped with a video surveillance system sufficient to monitor the critical areas of the business premises, including, but not limited to, all places where firearms or ammunition are stored, handled, sold, transferred, or carried. The video surveillance system shall operate continuously, without interruption, whenever the permitted business location is open to the public. Whenever the permitted business location is not open to the public, the system shall be triggered by a motion detector and begin recording immediately upon detection of any motion within the monitored area. In addition, the sale or transfer of a firearm or ammunition shall be recorded by the video surveillance system in such a way that the facial features of the purchaser or transferee are clearly visible. The stored images shall be maintained at the permitted business location for a period not less than six months from the date of recordation and shall be made available for inspection by federal and Commonwealth law enforcement upon request. The licensee shall post a sign in a conspicuous place at each entrance to the premises that states in block letters not less than one inch in height: THESE PREMISES ARE UNDER VIDEO SURVEILLANCE. YOUR IMAGE MAY BE RECORDED.

(g) The Department of Public Safety may impose security requirements in addition to those listed in this section prior to issuance of the Firearm Vendor License. Failure to fully comply with the requirements of this section or additional security requirements imposed by the Department shall be sufficient cause for denial or revocation of the Firearm Vendor License by the Department.

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Commission Comment: The Commission renumbered this section and certain subsections pursuant to [1 CMC § 3806\(a\)](#).