

# Firearms Security Storage Information Guide – Firearms Act 2015 and Firearms Regulations 2017 (SA)

- If you possess **1-19 firearms** – refer to **TIER 1**
- If you possess **20-34 firearms** (but less than 30 category H firearms) – refer to **TIER 2**
- If you possess **35-49 firearms** (but less than 30 category H firearms) – refer to **TIER 3**
- If you possess **50+ firearms** or **30+ category H firearms** – refer to **TIER 4**

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

When not in use, your firearm(s) must be kept secured at your **principal place of residence**, however if you have possession of a firearm for the purpose of a business you may keep your firearm secured at your **principal place of business**.

For the purpose of determining which of the security tiering levels set out in this information guide applies to you **note** that:

- the **number of firearms you are deemed to be in possession of** will amount to the total number of firearms permanently kept at your principal place of residence or principal place of business by all persons permanently residing at, or occupying, that residence or premises; **and**
- the **category (or categories) of firearms you are deemed to be in possession of** amount to every category of firearm permanently kept at your principal place of residence or principal place of business by all persons permanently residing at, or occupying, that residence or premises; **and**
- your firearms must be kept secured at your principal place of residence or principal place of business in compliance with the tiering level required for the total number, and categories, of firearms you are deemed to be in possession of.

**Example** If 2 persons permanently residing together each have 10 firearms, 1 of whom keeps a category H firearm at the residence, then each of the 2 persons will be deemed to be in possession of 20 firearms, including a category H firearm, and accordingly every firearm kept by each of the 2 persons at the residence must be secured in a **level 2 safe** and the premises must be equipped with either a **cctv system** or **intruder alarm** (as per **TIER 2** below).

In exceptional circumstances the Registrar of Firearms may approve a person securing his or her firearms in any other manner other than set out in this information guide. If such an approval is given the person will not breach ordinary security requirements so long as the person complies with the other approved security manner.

All safes referred (including a **level 1 safe**, **level 2 safe** and **prescribed safe**) if weighing less than **150 kilograms** when empty must be bolted to a solid concrete, brick, metal or timber floor, wall or other permanent internal structure of the building or outbuilding in which it is located, with at least 2 solid anchor bolts.

For more information, visit [police.sa.gov.au](http://police.sa.gov.au)

## Definitions

**Grandfathering:** a person's safe will only be deemed to be **grandfathered** if prior to 1 July 2017, the person owned and used a **prescribed safe** or **level 1 safe** to secure the person's firearm(s); **and** before 1 July 2018, the person gave written notification of that fact to the Registrar of Firearms; **and** the Registrar of Firearms confirmed in writing to the person that the person's written notice had been received by the Registrar of Firearms.

**prescribed safe** means a safe (other than a level 1 safe or a level 2 safe) that has a body and door made of steel of a thickness of not less than **1.6 millimetres**

**level 1 safe** means a safe the body and door of which must be made of structural grade mild steel that is of a thickness of not less than **2 millimetres**. The door must be recessed or flush fitted and sized to prevent leverage points; and with **either** a 3 point locking mechanism activated by an internal key or electronic lock, **or** a pin combination lock or pick resistant deadlock or biometric fingerprint scanner; **or** an external lock with a body not less than 40 millimetres wide and with a hardened steel shackle; and which is fitted with a cover so as to prevent the lock from being cut, removed, breached or otherwise tampered with.

**level 2 safe** means a safe the body and door of which must be made of structural grade mild steel that is of a thickness of not less than **3 millimetres**. The door must be recessed or flush fitted and sized to prevent leverage points; and with **either** a 3 point locking mechanism activated by an internal key or electronic lock, **or** a pin combination lock or pick resistant deadlock or biometric fingerprint scanner; **or** an external lock with a body not less than 40 millimetres wide and with a hardened steel shackle; and which is fitted with a cover so as to prevent the lock from being cut, removed, breached or otherwise tampered with.

**under the main roof** means within the enclosed internal structures of the building constituting the residence or place of business (including a fully enclosed garage under the main roof)

**outbuilding** means a fully enclosed, strong and in a structurally sound building subordinate to the main building on premises (including a garage or shed) which must be affixed to land (whether or not it is detached from the main building of the premises on which it is located). The door or point of entry must be capable of being securely locked.

**cctv system** means a closed circuit television system or digital equivalent which must be maintained and in good working order; and activated and operating at any time the premises are unoccupied in order to detect and record any unauthorised entry to the premises, building, outbuilding or room in which a firearm is kept, or any unauthorised interference with a firearm

**intruder alarm** means an intruder alarm system that is maintained and in good working order, and activated and operating at any time the premises are unoccupied in order to detect any unauthorised entry to the premises, building, outbuilding or room in which a firearm is kept, or any unauthorised interference with a firearm, by means of **either or both of:**  
 an externally visible alarm warning light and a loud audible alarm **and/or** a remote alarm monitored by a private security company approved by the Registrar of Firearms.

The **intruder alarm** must also comply with the following:  
 > must be connected to the mains power of the premises in which it is installed and contain a battery backup in case of power failure; and  
 > must incorporate a sensor system to detect the breaking of external glass windows or to detect movement by way of a microwave, passive infrared, ultrasonic or other similar detection system; and  
 > each sensor of the sensor system must have an anti-tamper circuit that operates continuously whether the alarm is activated or not; and  
 > the controls for the alarm system must, so far as is reasonably practicable, be located out of sight and protected against access by an unauthorised person

**strongroom** means a strongroom with no windows or skylights and the floor, ceilings and walls must be made of reinforced concrete; double brick; or reinforced lesser blocks of a thickness of not less than 140 millimetres. Any door must be:  
 > made of solid sheet structural grade mild steel of a thickness of not less than 10 millimetres; **or** solid sheet cut resistant steel of a thickness of not less than 3 millimetres that has a chemical composition that includes at least 12% manganese; and encased within, or reinforced by, solid sheet timber of a thickness of not less than 40 millimetres;  
 > fitted with internal hinges that are concealed or have the hinge pins welded;  
 > fitted with **either** a 3 point locking mechanism; **or** 4 internal shoot bolts located on the inside at the top and bottom of the door, activated by an internal key or electric lock, or a pin combination lock, pick resistant deadlock or biometric fingerprint scanner.

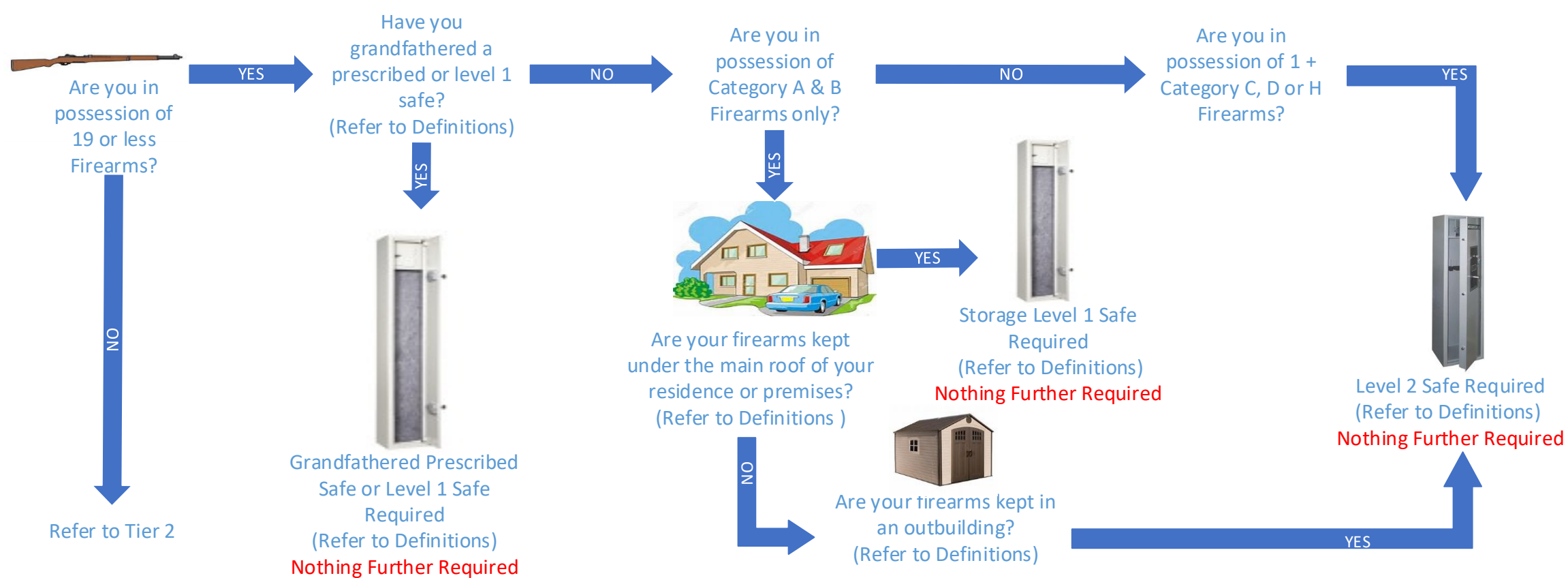


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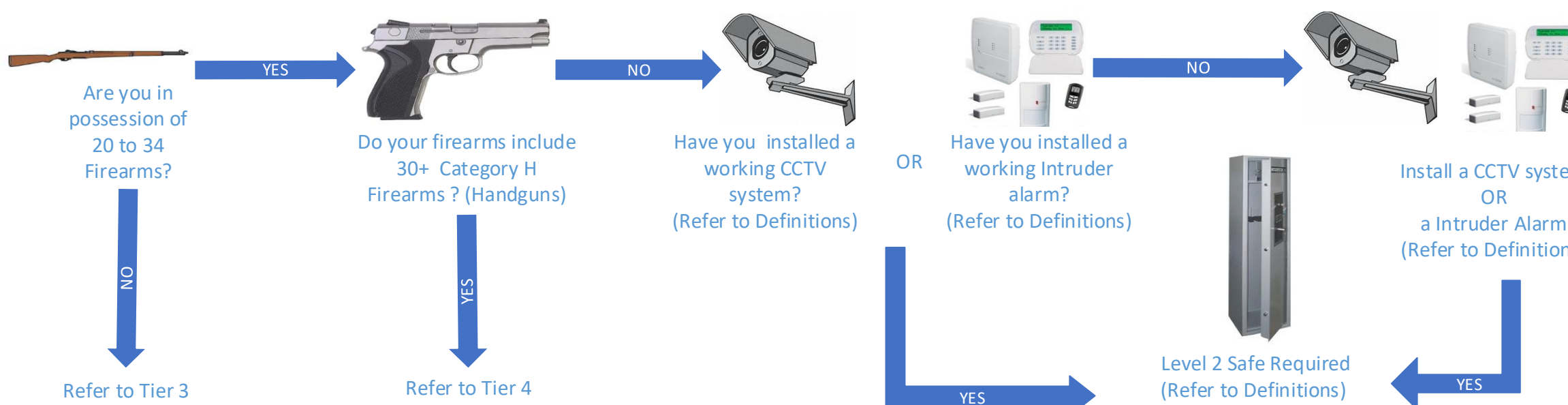


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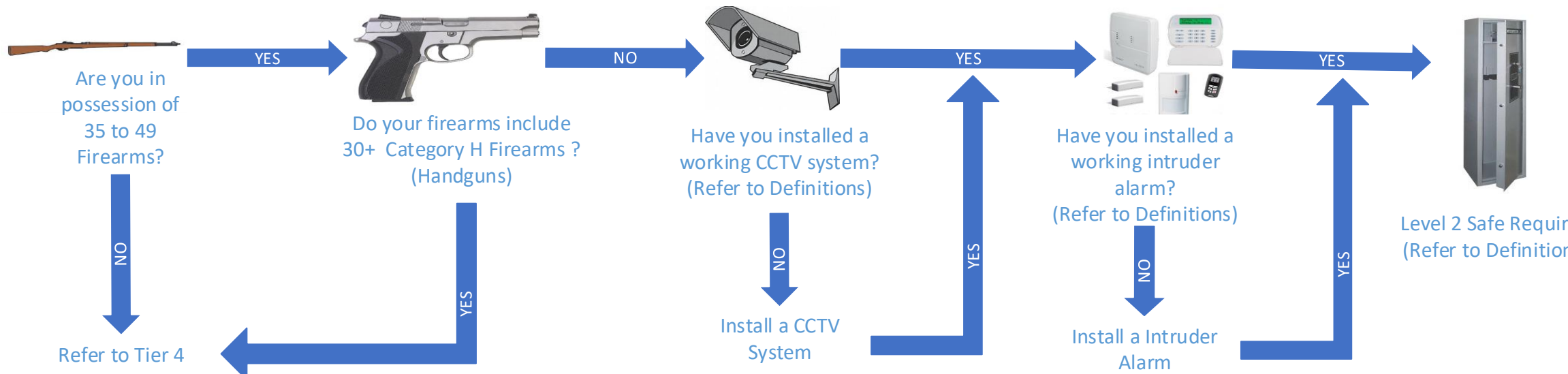
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