



SAGA SNIPPETS

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Licences / Competency - Lisensie / Bevoegdheid

Licence Renewal Reminders

All SAGA members are urged to please check their firearm licence expiry dates as soon as possible. Licence renewals must be lodged **MORE** than 90 days **BEFORE** the expiry of the licence.

If your licence is due for renewal, we suggest that you get in touch with your local Designated Firearms Officer (DFO) to verify what specific supporting documents are required before handing in the application.

Vuurwapenlisensie Herinnering

Ons rig 'n dringende versoek aan alle SAGA lede om die verval datums van hulle vuurwapen lisensies so gou as moontlik na te gaan.

Lisensie hernuwings moet **MEER** as 90 dae **VOOR** die vervaldatum van die lisensie ingedien word.

Indien u lisensie wel hernu moet word, stel ons voor u kontak u plaaslike Vuurwapenbeampte (DFO) vir sy spesifieke vereistes en ondersteunende dokumentasie voor u die aansoek indien.

Competency Certificates (cards)

as issued by the SAPS were valid for five years, if issued before 10 January 2011.

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Bevoegdheidsertifikate

(kaartjies) soos uitgereik deur die SAPD voor 10 Januarie 2011 was geldig vir vyf jaar.

Maar indien jou bevoegdheidsertifikaat geldig was op 10 Januarie 2011, is die geldigheid daarvan outomaties verleng tot die vervaldatum van jou langdurigste verwante vuurwapenlisensie.

SAGA Office Closed for the Holidays

Please be advised that the SAGA administration office will be closed from 13:00 on Tuesday 15 December 2015 and will re-open on Monday 4 January 2016. The Trustees and Staff would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of our 30 Year Celebrations and to wish you a happy holiday.

Founder Member Recognition



As part of our 30th birthday celebrations, SAGA Founder members who are still members were honoured with a special Certificate of

Recognition signed by Trustee and fellow Founder member, John Welch.

Each Founder member was also sent a complimentary 30 year cloth patch, sponsored by Kings gun shop in Durban.

Being part of something as important as SAGA for 30 years is worth acknowledging and SAGA commends

all our Founder members for their support and commitment.



Gun Safety Guide

A parents' responsibility

The prime responsibility for a child's safety rests squarely on his or her parents. In a home where guns are kept, good parents must be careful to display (and insist that others display) safe gun-handling, responsible use and good gun manners. Whether gun owners or not, all caring parents have the great responsibility of ensuring their children's safety by teaching them about the dangers they may encounter – whether from a stranger, a hot stove, medicine, a bottle of paraffin, fire, electricity, swimming pool, ... or a firearm.

Talking with your child about gun safety

A good time to introduce the subject may be the first time he or she is old enough to show an interest – even if in toy pistols or rifles. Talking openly and honestly about firearm safety is much more effective than simply ordering your child to "Stay away from guns". Such statements may just stimulate a child's natural curiosity to investigate further. Explain the rules and answer his or her questions to promote proper understanding and respect – the core of safety. Any rules set for your own child should also apply to any visitors to the home – your friends as well as your child's visitors. This will help keep your child from being pressured into showing a gun to a friend. These same rules also apply when you and your family visit friends and family at their homes.

Toy guns vs. real guns

It is also advisable, particularly with very young children, to discuss the difference between real life and 'acting'. Firearms are often handled carelessly in movies and on tv, and so many 'shot and killed' actors reappear on screens that children can be forgiven for thinking that gunshot wounds and 'deaths' are not permanent. Make sure your child knows the difference between being "killed" on tv and in reality. If your child has toy guns, you may want to use them to demonstrate safe gun handling and to explain how they differ from genuine firearms.

Safe storage

Make sure your 'real' guns (including BB and pellet guns) and ammunition are inaccessible to unsupervised children and all unauthorised persons. All gun owners have a statutory duty in terms of the Firearms Control Act to safeguard in a locked prescribed safe, any firearm that is not worn on the owner's person or is not under her or his direct control. The law also prescribes that the keys to the safe must be under control and not accessible to unauthorised persons. Gun owners must ensure that should they keep a firearm ready for self-defence, such firearm must at all times be under their direct control. Often children are very responsible and would not touch their parents' firearm but the temptation might be there to show a "real gun" to visiting friends. A greater problem is when a visiting friend wants

to "see with his hands". Depending on the particular circumstances, it might be best to place the **unloaded** firearm in a drawer while the owner carries the ammunition on her or his person. Never underestimate the ingenuity of children in finding a hidden gun.

It goes without saying that gun owners have a moral and legal responsibility to prevent guns from landing in the hands of criminals and any unauthorised persons. They must ensure that at all times they have effective control over their firearms, irrespective of whether the firearm is at home or on the person. A firearm on the person must be carried concealed in a holster or other suitable container and, at home (or the office), unless it is under your direct control, it must be locked away in a prescribed safe. It may not be left unattended in a vehicle.

Be a good role model

Set the right example for your children by making your good gun manners and safety procedures clearly obvious even to the casual onlooker. 'Slick handling' by an experienced gun owner may be all very well (and safe) but your first objective when in the presence of others – especially your children – should be to show them that you respect your firearms and that there are no exceptions to safety rules.

Firearm Safety Depends On YOU!

What should you teach your child about gun safety?

If you have decided that your child is not yet ready to be trained in gun handling and use, you should explain that he or she must never touch a gun unless you are present and have given permission. As it is possible that your child could come across a gun outside her or his home, you should also teach him or her to adhere to the following basic safety instructions:

- **STOP!**
- **Don't Touch**
- **Leave the Area**
- **Tell an Adult**



The initial steps of **"STOP!"** and **"Don't Touch"** are the most important. To counter the natural impulse to touch a gun, it is imperative that you impress these steps of the safety message upon your child.

In today's society where adult supervision is not always possible, the direction to **"Leave the Area"** is also essential. Under

some circumstances, "area" may be understood to be a room if your child cannot physically leave the flat or house.

"Tell an Adult" emphasizes that children should seek (or phone) a trustworthy adult – neighbour, relative, teacher – if a parent or guardian is not available.

Are Your Guns Safely Stored for the Holidays?

by Emily Rupertus

The holiday season is officially here and that means it's time to start planning family get-togethers. Playing host for these events aren't as simple as we'd like them to be, especially if you have a very large family like mine. As you plan out the meals and decor, you may be overlooking one very important detail: **gun storage**.

Okay, you may be thinking that just came out the blue. But think about it. You're about to have 12 plus family members in your home. Maybe your family isn't familiar with firearms. Maybe they have never taken a safety course or even held a gun. Or, maybe

your five year old nephew is a little Curious George...

It is important to always properly and safely store your firearms but even more so when you invite others into your home.

Store guns so they are not accessible to unauthorized persons. Many factors must be considered when deciding where and how to store guns. A person's particular situation will be a major part of the consideration.

So to stay safe this holiday season, take a look at these different gun storage options. When choosing the option that's best for you,

consider your living environment, budget, and storage needs.

Extracted and shortened from: <https://www.nrablog.com/articles/2015/11/are-your-guns-safely-stored-for-the-holidays/>



Hunting Groups Sue Delta Airlines

Plaintiffs say the airline's refusal to transport some hunting trophies is illegal.

In August, during the uproar over the "Cecil the lion" incident, Delta Airlines announced it would no longer transport legally taken hunting trophies of elephant, buffalo, rhino, lion, or leopard (the Big Five) in its cargo hold. Now, a group of hunters and hunting groups is striking back by filing a lawsuit against the airline.

Conservation Force, Dallas Safari Club, Houston Safari Club, the CAMPFIRE Association, the Tanzania Hunting Operators Association (TAHOA), and Corey Knowlton filed suit against Delta Air Lines, Inc. to compel an end to Delta's embargo on transport of hunting trophies of the Big Five. The plaintiffs allege the embargo on transport of a specific class of non-dangerous cargo is illegal because it violates Delta's duty as a common carrier not to discriminate against passengers or cargo.

The plaintiffs point out that "Big Five" hunting in Southern and Eastern Africa is responsible for protecting the most wildlife habitat, providing the largest share of operating revenue for wildlife departments, underwriting three levels of anti-poaching efforts, and contributing critical benefits and incentives to local people damaged by the "Big Five." John J. Jackson, III, President of Conservation Force, underscored the importance of hunting's contributions.

"Without hunting most wildlife and habitat will disappear," he said. "Above all, the attitudes of local people ultimately determine the survival of these species. Hunting provides the incentives for local people to tolerate dangerous wildlife."

According to the plaintiffs, Delta's embargo threatens the African hunting industry by making it more difficult for hunters to bring home the fruit of the hunt, and stigmatizes America's business and civic leaders as traffickers of illicit cargo. A trophy symbolizes several things to a hunter.

"It is a memory of the hunt's success, the experience, the people, and the place. Most of all, it is tribute to the animal hunted," said Jackson.

Jackson, a prominent lawyer, also noted that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has issued import permits for rhino, leopard, and elephant and found the import of these trophies "enhances the survival" of the species. Jackson said, "Delta's unlawful embargo is robbing the species of the enhancement tourist hunting provides."

Delta is alleged to have refused to transport the black rhino trophy of Corey Knowlton, who contributed \$350,000 to anti-poaching and other efforts exclusively to recover the black rhino and whose enhancement import permit was approved by USFWS.



The plaintiffs represent a range of interests, from individual hunter-conservationists to hunting safari operators to representatives of the communities who benefit from tourist hunting revenue. For example, the plaintiff CAMPFIRE program benefits 770,000 families in Zimbabwe (including 2.4 million children), and the largest source of income to these communities is from American tourist safari hunters.

Jackson concluded: "Delta is a common carrier. It cannot discriminate against cargo, the African people, or game – much less to further the agenda of extremist animal rights organizations. Its embargo threatens the programs responsible for most of the habitat and anti-poaching in Africa. This is too important to stand by. This suit is just the beginning of the fight."

<http://www.sportsafield.com/content/hunting-groups-sue-delta-airlines>

Watch this space ...for more interesting firearm snippets

Following Paris Attacks, Police Challenge NFL No Gun Policy

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<https://www.nraila.org/articles/20151204/following-paris-attacks-police-challenge-nfl-no-gun-policy>

When attacking the Right-to-Carry, gun control advocates often cite what they view as a lack of sufficient training requirements for permit holders, contrasting these requirements with those placed upon police officers. For instance, in a document criticizing the Right-to-Carry, the Brady Campaign (then-Handgun Control Inc.) noted, "in stark contrast to the lack of CCW applicant training, police officers receive hundreds of hours of training in marksmanship and non-violent conflict resolution, including role-playing real-life scenarios, to ensure that their firearms are carried safely and not fired carelessly." Similarly, the Coalition to Stop Gun Violence (CSGV) laments on their website, "[t]raining requirements-if there are any for permit holders-are no more rigorous than a single day-class in instruction." However, as it turns out, many in the gun control community aren't actually concerned with the amount of training an individual receives before exercising their Right-to-Carry, but are opposed to anyone exercising this right at all; as evidenced by the fact that they don't want highly-trained police officers to go around armed either.

Late last month, Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) National President Chuck Canterbury sent a letter to National Football League Commissioner Roger Goodell requesting that the league change a 2013 policy prohibiting the lawful carry of firearms by off-duty and retired law enforcement officers at NFL facilities. The letter pointed out

that terrorists select targets "based on the amount of death and injury they can inflict," including, "[w]ell-attended venues and areas," and that the current disarmament policy "weakens the safety and security of NFL players, personnel and fans."

This move by the National FOP has been followed by actions taken by local affiliates and other police unions. As reported by the Detroit News, the Detroit Command Officer's Association, Police Officer's Association, and Lieutenants and Sergeants Association have signed a letter asking the NFL to rescind the ban. The letter explained, "[l]aw enforcement officers often carry a weapon while off duty not only for their own personal protection but to provide a critical response when circumstances call for immediate police action," citing that, "acts of terrorism we have recently experienced, only add to the desirability of having readily available armed law enforcement officers even if they are not officially 'on duty.'"

Similarly, the Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio sent letters expressing their concerns to Cleveland Browns Owner Jimmy Haslam and Cincinnati Bengals President Mike Brown. The letters note, "[w]e know that deranged individuals will select their attack where no uniformed and armed law enforcement is located as the success of their mission is gauged on body count," and that "[h]aving more trained law enforcement officers, even though off duty, will only enhance everyone's safety that is in attendance at your stadium."

The recent letters are only FOP's most recent actions against this

unwise NFL policy. In September 2013, following formation of the policy, FOP sent a letter to Goodell expressing their opposition to the new rules. In it, Canterbury pointedly noted, "[l]aw enforcement officers, which you employed to protect teams and the stadiums in which they play, do not suddenly become a security risk if they attend an NFL game on their day off or after they retire."

Despite the fact that these groups are merely requesting that trained law enforcement professionals be allowed to carry at NFL events, gun control supporters have attacked their position. Rather than consider the substance of the police organizations' position on this matter, in an interview with Fox News, Coalition to Stop Gun Violence Director of Communications Ladd Everitt dismissed the idea of armed individuals halting terrorist violence, and called the FOP's concerns, "gun lobby-inspired tripe."

NRA has long recognized the benefits of off-duty and former law enforcement officials carrying in defense of themselves and the general public.

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That's why in 2004, NRA worked with our allies in Congress to enact the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act, or LEOSA. The law provides that qualifying current and retired law enforcement officers may carry firearms throughout the country. Alleviating any concerns about diminishing proficiency, retired officers are required to maintain a certain level of competence with firearms in order to qualify.

While armed off-duty and retired law enforcement have the potential to protect the public from a wide variety of criminal behavior, their potential to combat mass violence is particularly important. No less an authority than former-Interpol Secretary General Ronald K. Noble has suggested that an armed population could be an effective means for battling ex-

tremist attacks. Speaking on the topic in a 2012 interview with ABC News following a terrorist attack at a mall in Nairobi, Kenya, Noble stated, "[s]ocieties have to think about how they're going to approach the problem.... One is to say we want an armed citizenry; you can see the reason for that." Noble went on to say, "[a]sk yourself: If that was Denver, Col., if that was Texas, would those guys have been able to spend hours, days, shooting people randomly? ... What I'm saying is it makes police around the world question their views on gun control. It makes citizens question their views on gun control. You have to ask yourself, 'Is an armed citizenry more necessary now than it was in the past with an evolving threat of terrorism?'"

Current NFL policy does not respect the life-saving potential of

properly equipped off-duty and retired law enforcement officials, provides a less-than-optimal security environment for fans, players, and employees, and should be rescinded. In addition, the anti-gun community's reflexive response to the police organizations' statements reveals the extent of their objectives. Restricting the rights of the general public is simply not enough for these zealots. For them, everyone, regardless of training or professional status, should be prohibited from carrying arms for self-defense unless operating in an official state capacity.

SAGA Winners / Wenners



The fourth and final quarterly draw for the Membership Drive has been done. Congratulations to Mr Stewart from Lephalale on winning a hamper containing some of our 30 Year insignia and Mr Van Heerden from Potchefstroom on winning a 30 Year branded Drimac.

The winner of the main draw for the Stephen Mackrill knife will be

announced in the January issue of SAGA Snippets.

There is still some 30 Year Insignia available for sale if you have not yet purchased something.

Please see our website for details or contact the office.

Die vierde en laaste trekking in ons Lidmaatskap Werwings kompetisie het nou plaasgevind. Baie geluk aan Mnr Stewart van Lephalale met die wen van die geskenkpak wat van ons 30 Jaar items bevat, as ook vir Mnr Van Heerden van Potchefstroom wat 'n

30 Jaar herdenkings Drimac Baadjie gewen het.

Die wenner van die trekking vir die groot prys van die Stephen Mackrill mes, sal in die uitgawe van die Januarie, SAGA Snippets aangekondig word.

Daar is wel nog van die 30 Jaar Herdenkings Insignia beskikbaar, vir die wat nog nie iets aangekoop het nie.

Besoek asseblief ons webwerf vir meer besonderhede of kontak die kantoor.