



COLLECTION OF WEAPONS WHICH FALL UNDER THE CONTROL OF WEAPONS ACT IN VICTORIA

As mentioned in the Introduction, members of the Antique & Historical Arms Collectors Guild of Victoria are allowed to possess edged weapons and other types as detailed in the Government Gazette which are regulated under the Control of Weapons Act without the need to possess a separate Chief Commissioner's exemption. That means that current financial membership of the Guild or any other approved collecting club is sufficient authority for a person to own or purchase these items.

HOWEVER THERE ARE CONDITIONS THAT MUST BE MET, AND THESE ARE:

When not being displayed as permitted in the legislation these weapons must be stored safely and securely.

"Stored safely and securely" means –

(A) stored in a manner calculated to ensure that the weapon:

- (i) is not readily accessible to a person other than the person seeking to rely on the exemption;
- (ii) is not available for possession, carriage or use by a person who is not themselves a holder of an approval issued by the Chief Commissioner of Police or who does not fall within a class of persons specified in the above Table; and

(B) when being transported between the usual place of storage of the weapon and the places at which it is being legitimately used for the purposes in the exemption:

- (i) stored in such a manner that the weapon is not readily accessible to a person other than the person seeking to rely on the exemption; and
- (ii) concealed from plain sight during such transportation.

Storage conditions for such items listed below.

Please note that the recommended storage means is in a container -

- (i) which is made of steel or any other robust material; and
- (ii) which must be firmly fixed to the wall or floor of the room; and
- (iii) the doors of which are attached with concealed or welded hinges; and
- (iv) which, when any item is stored in it, is locked with a lock which is so constructed as to prevent the doors of the container being easily sprung.

Other Conditions

Although edged weapons etc. do not require registration or licensing as do firearms, owners are required to keep a list of what weapons they own, and also record to whom they dispose of them to, should they sell items.