

Hamden Police Department General Orders

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Section: Weapons

Rescinds:

Title: Home Storage of Department
Weapons.

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PURPOSE

To establish Department guidelines for the safekeeping of department and off duty weapons when stored at home.

POLICY

Firearms safety on and off duty is your responsibility. Every officer who brings home his/her department issued, and or approved off duty weapon must establish safe and reasonable storage habits. The more accessible a firearm is to the rightful owner the more accessible it becomes to others. Each officer must decide between the level of accessibility he/she wants or needs while maintaining a level of safety for his/her household.

Procedures

A. Storage under Connecticut State Statute 29-37i.

1. Establishes penalties for leaving loaded firearms where children may find them.

B. Responsibility.

1. Officers must take this into account when establishing their storage habits.
2. Storage of all weapons if not equipped with a locking device, should be unloaded.
3. Ammunition should be stored separately from the firearm.
4. It is recommended that the weapons be stored in a high place to make it hard for small children to gain access.
5. If a lockable gun box is used, be sure that access to the keys are prohibited.

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C. Education.

1. Family members should be educated to the dangers of firearm. Young children should be taught that real guns are not like those that are depicted on television.
2. If officers take time to plan ahead and plan for the unexpected, the firearm does not become an object of curiosity.