

Note: This information sheet does not constitute legal advice and is for general information purposes only. Applicants and licensees are required to understand and comply with the *Firearms Act 1996* (“the Act”) and associated Regulations, which are available on the Tasmanian legislation website – www.legislation.tas.gov.au. This document was prepared in June 2024 based on the relevant legislation at that time.

Section 148 of the Act provides that a representative of an approved pistol shooting club, or a representative of an approved society, the members of which collect firearms (“relevant club or society”), is to inform the Commissioner (of Police) in writing:

- of any concern held by the club or society or any member of the club or society that a person may pose a danger if in possession of a firearm; and
- of a member’s expulsion and the reasons for the expulsion.

This information sheet provides guidance in relation to these requirements.

Persons who may pose a danger if in possession of a firearm

Representatives of the relevant club or society are required to report any concern held by the club or society, or any member of the club or society, that a person may pose a danger if in possession of a firearm (to themselves, any other person, or to the community in general).

Members of relevant clubs and societies can also report their concerns to representatives of the club, to Firearms Services directly, or both. If a representative of a relevant club or society is informed of concern held by a member, they are obliged to provide the information to Firearms Services.

Firearms Services requests that the report includes the:

- full name,
- date of birth, and
- firearms licence number

of the person who may pose a danger if they are in possession of a firearm (or as many of these details as known); and

- The reason for the concern, including:
 - the danger that you or another member of the relevant club or society believes that the person may pose if in possession of a firearm (to themselves, any other person or to the community in general).



Persons expelled from a relevant club or society

Representatives of the relevant club or society are required to report a member's expulsion and the reason for their expulsion.

Firearms Services requests that the report includes the:

- full name,
- date of birth, and
- firearms licence number of the person (or as many of these details as known); and

Why the person was expelled from the club (including as much detail as possible); and the date on which they were expelled.

How to report

The information is required to be provided by notice in writing to the Commissioner and it is urged to be provided as soon as possible.

Firearms Services requests that you email the information to firearms.services@police.tas.gov.au with the email flagged as 'high importance'.

If you are unable to email the information you can also post it to Firearms Services at GPO Box 308 HOBART TAS 7001. Email is preferred however to expedite receipt.

If you believe that there is an imminent risk of harm, contact police immediately on 131 444 (or 000 for an emergency) at any time.

Frequently asked questions (FAQ)

Can I get in to trouble for providing this information?

- The Act states that giving any information in a notice in good faith does not give rise to any criminal or civil action or remedy.



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