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ESTATE FIREARM ADMINISTRATION

Did they own firearms?

When someone dies, their firearms become part of the estate. The executor must account for every one of them, and report them to the Central Firearms Registry within 14 days of receiving the Letters of Executorship.

Look for

A gun safe in the house, licence cards, a competency certificate, letters from the SAPS, or membership of a hunting or shooting club.

If there is a firearm

1. Leave it locked away. Don't use, move, lend or sell it.
2. Tell the executor, or the attorney handling the estate, about every firearm, the safe and any licence papers.
3. Handing a firearm in to the police is final, so speak to the executor first.
4. If a firearm was never licensed, the family or the executor must report it to the police themselves, without delay.

What happens next

The executor decides, from the options the law allows: a transfer to an heir who obtains a licence, a sale through a licensed dealer, or a surrender to the police.

Firearmdesk handles the firearm side of an estate for the executor, anywhere in South Africa. Scan for a free call-back.

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