

VICTORIAN AMATEUR PISTOL ASSOCIATION INC

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SUBJECT: Safe Specification's

It is a members responsibility to comply with the safekeeping requirements of the Firearms Act. The following details would comply with the Act.

- (a) A brick or concrete vault fitted with an effective alarm system. The owner of such storage should contact their local Regional Firearms Officer who will furnish a report of recommendations to the Licensing Services Branch.
- (b) A commercially manufactured safe which is over 150 kg's.
- (c) A commercially manufactured safe of mass less than 150 kg's which bolted to the structure of the premises.
- (d) A substitute safe with the following MINIMUM specifications,

1. Not less than 4.75mm (3/16") mild steel plate (thinner plate of hardened steel should be satisfactory), welded construction, suitably reinforced.
2. If under 150 kg's, it must be bolted to the structure of the premises.
3. The security of the safe shall not depend on external hinges.

(e) If more than 15 firearms are stored on the premises, an effective alarm must also be installed.

(f) The Police expect bolts securing the safe to only be accessible from inside the safe. With some commercial safe's this is not possible. The following examples of external fixing might give you some idea's. Please Note: These are just a few examples. They have not been approved by the Police. The Police will not give examples.

