

# Butte County DA's Office Bureau of Investigation

## FIREARM INSPECTION AND STORAGE

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Handguns shall be inspected and cleaned regularly. The member shall ensure that the firearm is carried in the proper condition and loaded with approved ammunition. Handguns may remain loaded if they are secured in an appropriate holster.

All firearms carried or stored within a vehicle must be in compliance with state and local laws.

Members should not store their firearm in the trunk of their vehicle unless secured in a mounted lock box or other locking mechanism. Members should treat this lock box as a temporary storage method and the firearm should not remain in the vehicle for extended periods of time whenever the investigator is not within close proximity of their vehicle. When moving their weapon(s) in or out of the trunk lock box, members should ensure they do so discretely and out of sight of the public, whenever reasonably possible.

### 315.1 STORAGE AT HOME

Members shall ensure all firearms and ammunition are secured while in their homes or any other area under their control and in a manner that will keep them inaccessible to children and others who should not have access. Members shall not permit department-issued firearms to be handled by anyone not authorized by the Department to do so. Members should be aware that negligent storage of a firearm could result in civil and criminal liability (Penal Code § 25100).

Firearms shall be removed from the vehicle and placed into a more secure location whenever one of the following conditions exists:

- 1) When parked overnight in an on-street parking situation and not equipped with an alarm.
- 2) When the investigator is away from the home for a period of time exceeding 12 hours. This does not apply if investigator secures the vehicle in their locked garage.