

Chapter 22

FIREARM SAFETY RESTRICTION POLICY

A. FIREARM SAFETY RESTRICTION:

In October 2005, as part of the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, Congress passed and the President signed into law legislation making it unlawful for any licensed importer, manufacturer or dealer to sell or transfer any handgun unless the transferee is provided with a secure gun storage or safety device. The law also immunizes any person who is in lawful possession and control of a handgun and who uses a secure gun storage or safety device with the handgun, from a “qualified civil liability action.”

“Qualified civil liability action” is defined as a civil action for damages resulting from the criminal or unlawful misuse of a handgun by a third party if: 1) the handgun was accessed by another person who did not have the authorization of the lawful possessor; and 2) at the time the handgun was accessed it had been made inoperable by the use of a secure gun storage or safety device.

This law protects each resident from Civil Action as long as the weapon is stored in a lockable box and/or keeps a trigger/cable lock on the weapon.

Residents or any member of resident’s household, shall comply with all applicable laws and safety devices defined by the Missouri courts and Chapter 571 of the Revised Missouri Statutes, as it relates to the possession of firearms and to this policy.

All firearms, while on the premises of IHA, will be required to be secured by an approved key lock device and/or maintained in an approved safety box and **registered at the manager’s office**. The purpose for the registration is for the safety of local Fire Firefighters in case of an apartment fire and the fire setting off any stored ammunition.

Examples of approved devices include handgun trigger locks, cable locks, and shotgun/rifle trigger locks. Examples of approved safety boxes would be a handgun lockbox. Any violation of the law and/or IHA’s policy shall be grounds for termination of this lease as provided under the lease. We are registering the weapons due to the ammunition and potential issue during fire or other natural disaster that the local Fire Department / Police Department would need to know.

Each resident will be allowed to bring in their firearm from their vehicle to their apartment and from the apartment back to their vehicle, but the firearm will need to either be locked by a trigger lock or in a lockable gun box.

A Resident, on the other hand, cannot bring said weapon into the common areas and/or offices of the IHA premises. Common Areas include but are not limited to, community rooms, laundry rooms, trash rooms, mail rooms, etc. Offices include but are not limited to, management offices, maintenance offices, resident council offices, etc. All common areas and offices will be posted with “No Firearms Allowed” signs.

A Tenant or applicant in violation of IHA’s **FIREARM SAFETY RESTRICTION POLICY** will be ineligible for housing assistance and must wait one (1) year to apply for housing assistance.