

TITLE 6: CRIMES AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE
DIVISION 10: SPECIAL ACT FOR FIREARMS ENFORCEMENT (SAFE)

§ 10204. Storage of firearms; penalties.

(a) No person shall keep a firearm within a residence, a place of business, or on private land unless:

(1) the firearm is stored in a locked container or disabled with a trigger lock; or

(2) the firearm is carried on the person of an individual over the age of 21; or

(3) the firearm is under the immediate control of a person who is a law enforcement officer.

(b) A person who violates the foregoing subsection (a) of this section is guilty of criminally negligent storage of a firearm and, except as otherwise provided in this section, shall be fined not more than \$1,000, imprisoned not more than 180 days, or both.

(c) A person who violates subsection (a) of this section, and as a result, a minor causes injury or death to himself or another with the firearm, shall be fined not more than \$5,000, or imprisoned not more than 5 years, or both.

(d) The provisions of this section shall not apply if the minor obtains the firearm as a result of an unlawful entry or burglary to any premises by any person.

(e) For the purposes of this section, the term “minor” shall mean a person under the age of 21 years.

(f) This section shall not apply to a properly registered firearm on the effective date of this Act until ninety days after this Act becomes law.

Source: [PL 19-42](#) § 6 (Apr. 11, 2016), modified; amended by [PL 19-73](#) § 10 (Dec. 1, 2016).

Commission Comment: The Commission numbered this section pursuant to [1 CMC § 3806\(a\)](#).