

BLACK POWDER

ADVICE FOR THE SAFE & SECURE STORAGE OF BLACK POWDER

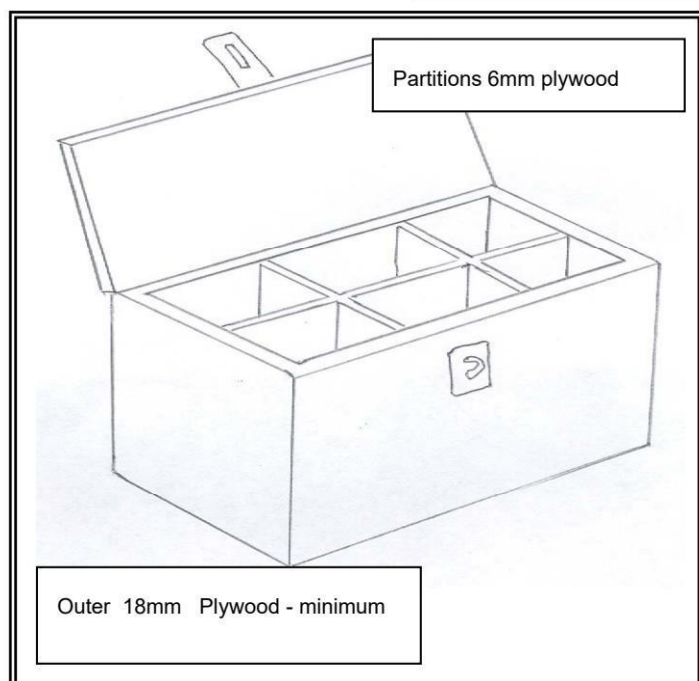
Everyone who keeps explosives whether controlled explosives like black powder or non-certificate explosives such as; ammunition, smokeless powder and primers, has a legal duty to keep the explosives safely and securely.

Regulation 10 of the Manufacture and Storage of Explosive Regulations (MSER) 2005 allows for small quantities of certain explosives, including Black Powder, to be stored without the place of storage being licensed or registered. An explosives certificate is still required in order to acquire and keep Black Powder. This exemption will often relate to those persons keeping Black Powder (Gunpowder) for their own personal shooting purposes, such as muzzle-loading handguns and rifles.

If you have an explosives acquire only certificate for the use of black powder you must not store any black powder.
If you have an explosives acquire & keep certificate for the black powder you may keep without having a registered store

- up to 15 kg black powder where only black powder is kept, or
- 10 kg black powder together with 5kg smokeless propellant etc

You may keep up to 15 kg* of small arms ammunition or percussion caps (*net explosive content) without the need for registration or licensing of the storage premises.



Storage

Powder is best kept in the original container (plastic/cardboard – not metal) and in quantity up to 550 grams per container.

These containers may then be stored within a partitioned wooden box fitted with hinged lid and secured with hasp and padlock. Each compartment must allow 30% additional height between the top of the container and the inside of the lid. The lid should be fitted with a suitable airtight seal. Construction needs to include the gluing and nailing of all joints including partitions.

The box in turn should be kept within a clean, secure area, freestanding. Not near entrance or egress from property or near mains services or sources of ignition.