

How to Surrender Firearms

Under Court Order

- If a deputy sheriff is serving you personally with a protective order, you must immediately surrender all firearms to the deputy. Failure to comply with the Court Order will result in your arrest. If you have received this Order in court or by mail, you must immediately contact the Howard County Sheriff's Office at **410-313-7554** to arrange the safe surrender of your firearms.

DO NOT TRANSPORT OR ENTER ANY PUBLIC BUILDING WITH A FIREARM WITHOUT MAKING PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE HCSO. ENTRY TO A PUBLIC BUILDING TO SURRENDER A FIREARM REQUIRES AN ESCORT BY A DEPUTY SHERIFF.

- After arrangements are made and if you are transporting the firearm, you must drive directly to the Sheriff's Office. Under most circumstances, a deputy sheriff will respond to your location to take possession of your firearms.
- Bring a copy of your Court Order requiring the surrender of any firearm when transporting firearms in a vehicle.
- All firearms must be unloaded and in a safe condition.
- No ammunition should be transported in your vehicle with a firearm.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE PROCEDURES COULD PUT YOU IN HARM'S WAY, LEAD TO YOUR ARREST, RESULT IN CRIMINAL PENALTIES AND/OR PERMANENT FORFEITURE OF FIREARMS.