

**2C:58-15. Minor's access to a loaded firearm; penalty, conditions**

a. A person who knows or reasonably should know that a minor is likely to gain access to a loaded firearm at a premises under the person's control commits a disorderly persons offense if a minor gains access to the firearm, unless the person:

- (1) Stores the firearm in a securely locked box or container;
- (2) Stores the firearm in a location which a reasonable person would believe to be secure; or
- (3) Secures the firearm with a trigger lock.

b. This section shall not apply:

- (1) To activities authorized by section 14 of P.L. 1979, c.179, (C. 2C:58-6.1), concerning the lawful use of a firearm by a minor; or
- (2) Under circumstances where a minor obtained a firearm as a result of an unlawful entry by any person.

c. As used in this act, "minor" means a person under the age of 16.

**History:**

L.1991, c.397, s.1.