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### About this guidance

	<p>This guidance is for criminal and financial investigation (CFI) teams telling them the safe handling procedures to follow if they find a weapon or explosives during the course of their work.</p> <p>This guidance has been removed while it is being reviewed and rewritten following policy changes.</p> <div><div>Restricted information – do not disclose – start of section</div><div>The information in this page has been removed as it is restricted for internal Home Office use only.</div><div>Restricted information – do not disclose – end of section</div></div> <p>The guidance covers important aspects of safe handling procedures for firearms and explosives that you need to follow if you work in a CFI team, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• why safety is important and definitions of firearms and explosives</li><li>• the roles and responsibilities involved in handling firearms and explosives</li><li>• why station and operational risk assessments are important</li><li>• safe handling procedures<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ what to do if you find a suspected firearm or explosives, and</li><li>○ when and how to store them safely</li></ul></li><li>• using ‘weapon safe carrying bags’ and</li><li>• the training required for handling firearms and explosives.</li></ul> <p>These instructions also apply to all Home Office and Border Force staff, including those who have completed the ‘firearms make safe’ training course.</p>	<b>Related links</b> Links to staff intranet removed
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