

724.26 Possession, receipt, transportation, or dominion and control of firearms, offensive weapons, and ammunition by felons and others.

1. a. A person who is convicted of a felony in a state or federal court, or who is adjudicated delinquent on the basis of conduct that would constitute a felony if committed by an adult, and who knowingly has under the person's dominion and control or possession, receives, or transports or causes to be transported a firearm or offensive weapon is guilty of the following:

(1) A class "D" felony for a first offense, with commitment to the custody of the director of the department of corrections for an indeterminate term not to exceed five years with a mandatory minimum term of confinement of two years.

(2) A class "D" felony for a second offense, with commitment to the custody of the director of the department of corrections for an indeterminate term not to exceed five years with a mandatory minimum term of confinement of four years.

(3) A class "C" felony for a third offense, with commitment to the custody of the director of the department of corrections for an indeterminate term not to exceed ten years with a mandatory minimum term of confinement of seven years.

(4) A class "C" felony for a fourth or subsequent offense, with commitment to the custody of the director of the department of corrections for an indeterminate term not to exceed ten years with a mandatory minimum term of confinement of ten years.

b. The court shall not defer judgment or sentencing, or suspend execution of any mandatory minimum sentence of incarceration imposed by [this subsection](#), except the court may suspend execution of any sentence of incarceration imposed under subparagraph (1) upon the recommendation of the county attorney.

c. Earned time accrued by a person convicted under [this subsection](#) shall not be applied to reduce any mandatory minimum sentence imposed. Earned time accrued shall be credited against the person's indeterminate term of incarceration, but shall not reduce any mandatory minimum sentence imposed.

2. a. Except as provided in paragraph "b", a person who is subject to a protective order under 18 U.S.C. §922(g)(8) or who has been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence under 18 U.S.C. §922(g)(9) and who knowingly possesses, ships, transports, or receives a firearm, offensive weapon, or ammunition is guilty of a class "D" felony.

b. [This subsection](#) shall not apply to the possession, shipment, transportation, or receipt of a firearm, offensive weapon, or ammunition issued by a state department or agency or political subdivision for use in the performance of the official duties of the person who is the subject of a protective order under 18 U.S.C. §922(g)(8).

c. For purposes of [this section](#), "*misdemeanor crime of domestic violence*" means an assault under [section 708.1, subsection 2](#), paragraph "a" or "c", committed by a current or former spouse, parent, or guardian of the victim, by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, by a person who is cohabiting with or has cohabited with the victim as a spouse, parent, or guardian, or by a person similarly situated to a spouse, parent, or guardian of the victim.

3. Upon the issuance of a protective order or entry of a judgment of conviction described in [subsection 2](#), the court shall inform the person who is the subject of such order or conviction that the person shall not possess, ship, transport, or receive a firearm, offensive weapon, or ammunition while such order is in effect or until such conviction is vacated or until the person's rights have been restored in accordance with [section 724.27](#).

4. Except as provided in [section 809A.17, subsection 5](#), paragraph "b", a court that issues an order or that enters a judgment of conviction described in [subsection 2](#) and that finds the subject of the order or conviction to be in possession of any firearm, offensive weapon, or ammunition shall order that such firearm, offensive weapon, or ammunition be sold or transferred by a date certain to the custody of a qualified person in this state, as determined by the court. The qualified person must be able to lawfully possess such firearm, offensive weapon, or ammunition in this state. If the court is unable to identify a qualified person to receive such firearm, offensive weapon, or ammunition, the court shall order that the firearm, offensive weapon, or ammunition be transferred by a date certain to the county sheriff or a local law enforcement agency designated by the court for safekeeping until a

qualified person is identified to receive the firearm, offensive weapon, or ammunition, until such order is no longer in effect, until such conviction is vacated, or until the person's rights have been restored in accordance with [section 724.27](#). If the firearm, offensive weapon, or ammunition is to be transferred to the sheriff's office or a local law enforcement agency, the court shall assess the person the reasonable cost of storing the firearm, offensive weapon, or ammunition, payable to the county sheriff or the local law enforcement agency.

5. Upon entry of an order described in [subsection 2](#), the court shall enter the name, address, date of birth, driver's license number, or other identifying information of the person subject to the order into the Iowa criminal justice information system, the reason for the order, and the date by which the person is required to comply with any relinquishment order issued under [subsection 4](#). At the time such order is no longer in effect, such information relating to the prohibition in [subsection 3](#) shall be deleted from the Iowa criminal justice information system.

6. If a firearm, offensive weapon, or ammunition has been transferred to a qualified person pursuant to [subsection 4](#) and the protective order described in [subsection 2](#) is no longer in effect, the firearm, offensive weapon, or ammunition shall be returned to the person who was subject to the protective order within five days of that person's request to have the firearm, offensive weapon, or ammunition returned.

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[90 Acts, ch 1147, §8; 97 Acts, ch 126, §47; 2002 Acts, ch 1055, §4; 2002 Acts, ch 1175, §94; 2002 Acts, 2nd Ex, ch 1003, §243, 262; 2010 Acts, ch 1083, §4; 2013 Acts, ch 90, §254; 2025 Acts, ch 104, §1](#)

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Exception; see [§724.27](#)

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