This guide is provided to assist you in meeting policy, code, and regulations relating to obtaining ammunition and explosives licenses. It answers the most common questions and problems found during inspections. This guide is not all inclusive and additional requirements may apply.

Contact the JBER Fire Prevention Office for further guidance.

Did you know?

Locations with 1,000 rounds or less of HD 1.4 small arms ammunition are not required to post firefighting symbols.

GETTING STARTED

◊ In order to obtain an Ammunition and Explosives (AE) license, there are a few steps you need to take. Some vary between the Services, but overall the process is similar. First you need to contact the Weapons Safety office at 552-6833. They will get the process started and provide all the necessary paperwork.

The following information is concerning the requirements that need to be met in order to obtain an endorsement from the Fire Prevention Office.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

◊ Unless otherwise directed by the Base Fire Chief, provide a minimum of 2 serviceable 2A:10BC (5LB ABC) fire extinguishers, suitable for the hazards involved and for immediate use at any location where AE is being handled. One extinguisher shall be mounted inside the room and one immediately outside. For specific guidance about fire extinguishers such as mounting, vendors and service requirements, please consult our Web Page: www.jber.jb.mil/Services-Resources/Fire-Prevention/.

FLAMMABLE STORAGE

◊ Small quantities of flammable materials, such as paints, lubricants and solvents, required to support explosives maintenance operations may be stored in explosives operating locations as required. This storage must not be the primary purpose of the area. Incidental storage of flammable materials not supporting explosives maintenance operations may be authorized within 50 feet of explosives operating locations. Fire department officials shall be consulted prior to establishing flammable storage areas in or near explosives operating locations.

ELECTRICAL SAFETY

◊ Extension cords are for temporary use only and will not be used as permanent wiring or connected to other cords (daisy chained). Surge protectors are only authorized for sensitive electrical equipment (computer, printers, monitors). Surge protectors and uninterruptible power supply (UPS) units will not be plugged into other surge protectors or UPS.

SCHEDULING AN INSPECTION

◊ When your storage area is ready for the Fire Department’s inspection, please contact the Fire Prevention Office at 384-5555 to schedule your appointment.
FAQ

DO I NEED TO HAVE A PLACARD ON MY BUILDING?

♦ Post the fire symbol and chemical symbol that applies to the most hazardous material present at non-nuclear explosives locations.
  - NSNs for Fire Division Symbols are located in Figure 10.1 of AFMAN 91-201
  - NSNs for Chemical Hazard Symbols are located in Figure 10.2 of AFMAN 91-201
♦ Post firefighting symbols on exterior and interior entrances to small rooms licensed for storing AE.
  - Post symbols on lockers or containers licensed for storing AE.
♦ Post symbols on the exterior of the facility.
  - Symbols on the exterior need to be visible from all approach roads.
  - For specific requirements please refer to AFMAN 91-201

HOW CLOSE CAN WE PARK OUR VEHICLES TO THE BUILDING?

♦ POV, GOV and AGE parking areas will be located a minimum of 100 ft from a licensed location. (Measured from wall of room containing Explosives, not exterior of Bldg.)
  - This minimum distance of 100 ft may be reduced to 50 ft if the potential explosion site (PES) is of non-combustible construction, a barrier sufficient to prevent the vehicle from rolling within 50 ft of the PES is located between the POV parking spaces and the PES.
  - Temporary parking of GOVs or AGE, other than those being loaded or unloaded, will not be closer than 25 ft to any licensed location. Temporary means the length of time for which the presence of the vehicle is essential to completion of a single task (e.g., a single work order number).

GENERAL AMMUNITION AND EXPLOSIVES STORAGE INFORMATION

♦ Storage of small amounts of AE is sometimes required in facilities or locations that are not explosives sited. (Contact Weapons Safety if you are unsure of sited/licensed status.) Such storage may be permitted in a licensed explosives storage location in accordance with the requirements outlined by AFMAN 91-201.
♦ Quantities of AE must be limited to minimum quantities necessary to support specific, mission essential, and explosives operations or missions.
  - The structure or room used for storage must be capable of being locked to prevent pilferage and unauthorized handling. Contact Security Forces at 384-0812 for resource protection requirements.
  - Use AF Form 2047 or Army equivalent (Provided by Weapons Safety Office), Explosive Facility License, to document approval for licensed explosives storage locations. The Explosive Facility License must be displayed at the licensed explosives storage location.
  - Update the Explosive Facility License each time the Hazard Division (HD), Net Explosive Weight for Quantity-Distance (NEWQD), Compatibility Groups (CG), or quantity of AE items changes.
    - Licenses are not to be used for convenience.
    - Licenses are issued by the host weapons safety office.
    - Local written instructions are required for each explosives license.
    - Multiple storage areas within a single facility will each require their own license.
    - Review the Explosive Facility License annually for continued requirement and applicability.
    - Cancel the Explosive Facility License when the requirement no longer exists.
    - For Lightning Protection Systems (LPS) requirements, please contact the weapons safety office and refer to AFMAN 91-201 section 5-H.
    - For Above Ground Magazines or (ARMAG) siting/licensing information, contact the weapons safety office.

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