

**Department of Transportation**  
**Office of the Secretary**  
**Washington, D.C.**

**ORDER**

DOT 1620.4

5-26-76

**SUBJECT: POSSESSION OF PRIVATELY-OWNED FIREARMS IN OR ON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OWNED OR LEASED PROPERTY**

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1. PURPOSE. This Order sets forth the Department of Transportation (DOT) policy regarding the possession of firearms on DOT owned or leased property.
2. APPLICABILITY. This policy applies to all DOT owned or leased property and to all persons entering in or on such property. In all General Services Administration (GSA) owned or leased property, including vehicles, a similar prohibition applies. (Federal Property Management Regulations 41 CFR 101-20.312.)
3. POLICY. No person while in or on DOT owned or leased property, including vehicles, shall carry/possess firearms, unless authorized in connection with their official duties.
4. EXEMPTION. This Order does not preclude DOT military or civilian personnel or their dependents who reside in Government owned or leased housing, including ships, from possessing on or in their premises firearms which are utilized for recreation or protection, providing such possession is in accordance with existing local directives.
5. RESPONSIBILITIES.
  - a. The Assistant Secretary for Administration shall assure Department-wide implementation of this Order.
  - b. Heads of operating elements shall assure the promulgation of this policy, implement such procedures as necessary to assure compliance, and are authorized to make exceptions when warranted to comply with existing Federal regulations.

FOR THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION:



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