

# Teesside Rifle & Pistol Club

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## Possession of firearms or ammunition by person convicted of crime

### Section 21, Firearms Act 1968

Section 21 of the Firearms Act 1968 makes it an offence for certain persons to possess firearms or ammunition. 'Firearm' includes most air guns and 'ammunition' includes air gun pellets. Section 21 states, in part:

- 21.—(1) A person who has been sentenced to preventative detention, or to imprisonment by or to corrective training for a term of three years or more, or who has been sentenced to be detained for such a term in a young offenders institution in Scotland, shall not at any time have a firearm or ammunition in his possession.
- (2) A person who has been sentenced to borstal training, to corrective training for less than three years or to imprisonment for a term of three months or more but less than three years, or who has been sentenced to be detained for such a term in a detention centre or in a young offenders institution in Scotland, shall not at any time before the expiration of the period of five years from the date of his release have a firearm or ammunition in his possession.
- (3) A person who—
- (a) [...]; or
  - (b) is subject to a recognisance to keep the peace or to be of good behaviour, a condition of which is that he shall not possess, use or carry a firearm, or is subject to a probation order containing a requirement that he shall not possess, use or carry a firearm; or
  - (c) has, in Scotland, been ordained to find caution a condition of which is that he shall not possess, use or carry a firearm;
- shall not, at any time during which he holds the licence or is so subject or has been so ordained, have a firearm or ammunition in his possession.

**NOTE** Teesside Rifle & Pistol Club takes the view that 'sentenced' includes a suspended sentence.