

## SEC. 11-2-3 SAFE USE AND TRANSPORTATION OF FIREARMS AND BOWS.

(a) **Definitions.** In this Section:

- (1) Aircraft has the meaning given under Sec. 114.002(3), Wis. Stats.
- (2) Encased means enclosed in a case that is expressly made for the purpose of containing a firearm and that is completely zipped, snapped, buckled, tied or otherwise fastened with no part of the firearm exposed.
- (3) Firearm means a weapon that acts by force of gunpowder.
- (4) Highway has the meaning given under Sec. 340.01(22), Wis. Stats.
- (5) Motorboat has the meaning given under Sec. 30.50(6), Wis. Stats.
- (6) Roadway has the meaning given under Sec. 340.01(54), Wis. Stats.
- (7) Unloaded means any of the following:
  - a. Having no shell or cartridge in the chamber of a firearm or in the magazine attached to a firearm.
  - b. In the case of a cap lock muzzle-loading firearm, having the cap removed.
  - c. In the case of a flint lock muzzle-loading firearm, having the flashpan cleaned of powder.
- (8) Vehicle has the meaning given under Sec. 340.01(74), Wis. Stats., and includes a snowmobile, as defined under Sec. 340.01(58a), Wis. Stats.

(b) **Prohibitions; Motorboats and Vehicles; Highways and Roadways.**

- (1) Except as provided in Subsection (c), no person may place, possess or transport a firearm, bow or crossbow in or on a motorboat with the motor running, unless the firearm is unloaded or unless the bow or crossbow is unstrung or is enclosed in a carrying case.
- (2) Except as provided in Subsection (c), no person may place, possess or transport a firearm, bow or crossbow in or on a vehicle, unless the firearm is unloaded or unless the bow or crossbow is unstrung or is enclosed in a carrying case.
- (3) Except as provided in Subsection (c), no person may load or discharge a firearm or shoot a bolt or an arrow from a bow or crossbow in or from a vehicle.
- (4) Except as provided in Subsection (c), no person may load or discharge a firearm or shoot a bolt or an arrow from a bow or crossbow from or across a highway or within fifty (50) feet from the center of a road.
- (5) A person who violates Subsections (1) through (4) above is subject to a forfeiture pursuant to Section 1-1-6.

(c) **Exceptions.**

- (1) Subsection (b) does not apply to any of the following who, in the line of duty, place, possess, transport, load or discharge a firearm in, on or from a vehicle, motorboat or aircraft or discharge a firearm in, on or from a vehicle, motorboat or aircraft or discharge a firearm from or across a highway or within fifty (50) feet of the center of a roadway:
  - a. A peace officer, as defined under Sec. 939.22(22), Wis. Stats.
  - b. A member of the U.S. armed forces.
  - c. A member of the National Guard.
- (2) Subsections (b)(1), (2) and (3) do not apply to the holder of a scientific collector permit under Sec. 29.17, Wis. Stats., who is using a net gun or tranquilizer gun in an activity related to the purpose for which the permit was issued.
- (3) Subsections (b)(2) and (3) do not apply to the holder of a permit under Sec. 29.09, Wis. Stats., who is hunting from a standing automobile in accordance with that Subsection.