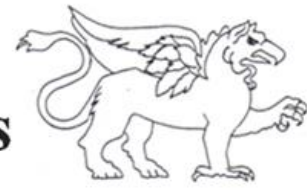




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PROJECT:
**THE UNLAWFUL
POSSESSION OF A
FIREARM AND
AMMUNITION**

Femicide and the unlawful possession of firearms are significant and interconnected issues in South Africa. Femicide refers to the intentional killing of women or girls because of their gender, and it is a severe form of gender-based violence. Unlawful possession of firearms contributes to the perpetration of violent crimes, including femicide.

Guns play a significant role in violence against women in South Africa, most notably in the killing of intimate partners. Statistics show that 80% of femicide victims attacked by their partner were killed by a firearm injury, mostly from a single gunshot to the head or face.

SSS has dealt with many aspects of GBV and Femicide, as well as the possession of stolen or illegal firearms. It is also, therefore, important to look at the unlawful possession of a firearm – even if seemingly innocent, such as the inheritance of a firearm.

FEMICIDE IN SOUTH AFRICA:

- **High Rates:**
 - South Africa has one of the highest rates of femicide in the world.
 - Women and girls are disproportionately affected by violence, often at the hands of intimate partners or acquaintances.
 - **Complex Causes:**
 - Femicide is a complex issue with multiple contributing factors, including gender inequality, a history of violence, socio-economic disparities, and a culture of violence.
 - **Legal Framework:**
 - South Africa has taken legislative measures to combat gender-based violence, including the Domestic Violence Act and the Sexual Offences Act.
 - These laws aim to provide protection and support for survivors and hold perpetrators accountable.
 - **Awareness and Advocacy:**
 - Civil society organisations and advocacy groups in South Africa work tirelessly to raise awareness about femicide, support survivors, and push for legal and societal changes to prevent violence against women and girls.
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THE UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS IN SOUTH AFRICA:

- **Proliferation:**
 - The illegal possession of firearms is a major issue in South Africa.
 - Many firearms used in violent crimes, including femicides, are acquired illegally.
- **Contributing to Violence:**
 - The presence of illegal firearms exacerbates the severity of violent crimes.
 - Perpetrators often use these weapons to intimidate, harm, or kill their victims.
- **Firearms Control Act:**
 - South Africa has a comprehensive legal framework, the Firearms Control Act, which regulates the possession, use, and control of firearms.
 - Legal firearm ownership is subject to strict criteria, including background checks and licensing.
- **Challenges:**
 - Despite strict firearm regulations, there are challenges with enforcing these laws, including the trafficking of illegal firearms, corruption, and inadequate law enforcement resources.
- **Efforts to Combat Illegal Firearms:**
 - Law enforcement agencies, in collaboration with international organizations, work to combat the trafficking of illegal firearms and apprehend those involved in their distribution.

INHERITING A FIREARM:

It is a daily occurrence that people inherit firearms from an estate. Often, people do not want the weapon but decide to keep it, as it has been in the family for many years, without knowing the consequences of keeping it.

Section 148 of the Firearms Control Act 60 of 2000 deals with inherited firearms.

In terms of this section, a person has four options when inheriting a firearm.

- If a person decides not to keep the firearm, it can be handed to a dealer.
- If a person decides not to keep it, the firearm can be handed to the SAPS, who will then destroy it.
- If a person wants the firearm but does not intend to use it, it can be given to a gunsmith to deactivate it.

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- The gunsmith then needs to furnish a certificate to the effect that the firearm was deactivated and can then hand it back to the new owner.

If a person, however, decides to keep and use the firearm, he/she must:

- Apply for a new firearm license in terms of the **Firearms Control Act 60 of 2000**.
- Needs to obtain a competency certificate to handle specific firearms after completing training at an accredited institution.
- Only after completing the competency training and license received will he/she be able to take possession of the firearm.

WHAT HAPPENS TO FIREARMS THAT ARE HANDED IN AT THE SAPS?

- Firearms that are forfeited to the State /police must be destroyed in terms of the requirements of **Section 149 of the Firearms Control Act 60 of 2000**.
- In terms of the said section, the firearms must be destroyed within a period of 6 months from the date of forfeiture or after all possible appeals are finalised.

THE DEACTIVATION OF FIREARMS:

Section 150 of the Firearms Control Act 60 of 2000 deals with the deactivation of firearms.

- If a firearm is deactivated, it means that it is permanently inoperable.
 - The deactivation can only be done by a gunsmith, and it must be done in a prescribed manner.
 - After the deactivation of the firearm, the gunsmith must furnish a certificate to that effect indicating the manner in which the deactivation was performed and furnish a certificate to the Registrar of Firearms.
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WHAT IS THE POSITION OF A PERSON WHO INHERITED A FIREARM BUT NEVER APPLIED FOR A LICENSE AND HAS THE FIREARM IN THEIR POSSESSION?

- In terms of **Section 3 of the Firearms Control Act**, any person who is in possession of a firearm without a valid license commits an offence.
- If found guilty on a charge of possession of an unlicensed firearm, you can be sentenced to a period of up to 15 years imprisonment.

In South Africa, addressing femicide and the unlawful possession of firearms requires a multi-faceted approach that involves legal reforms, increased law enforcement efforts, gender equality initiatives, public awareness campaigns, and support services for survivors.

Both issues are interlinked and need to be addressed comprehensively to reduce violence and protect women and girls from harm.

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