

NZ POLICE – INCLUDING FIREARMS & DRUGS

Drugs and medication

Don't bring illegal drugs into New Zealand. If you need to bring prescription medication that contains narcotics, carry a doctor's certificate saying the medication is necessary, and is being used under doctor's instructions. We recommend the medicines be kept in their original pharmacy container with label, and you should not have in excess of a three-month supply. Doctor's prescriptions are also needed to obtain certain drugs in New Zealand.

www.medsafe.govt.nz

Firearms

New Zealand is an unarmed society and has strong penalties for breaches of its Arms Act. New Zealand Police are routinely an unarmed police force.

Government enforcement agencies, except Police, do not carry firearms.

It is illegal to be in possession of any firearm or unlawful weapon without lawful, proper and sufficient purpose.

Vessels entering New Zealand waters are required to declare all firearms and weapons on board to Customs. It is illegal to bring firearms and restricted weapons into New Zealand waters with the intention to land, or to actually land, those firearms and/or restricted weapons. These offences are punishable by imprisonment.

www.police.govt.nz/advice/firearms-prohibited-offensive-weapons

Vessels entering New Zealand waters will be expected to surrender their firearms and restricted weapons to the Police. Police will secure those items surrendered and return them when the vessel departs New Zealand waters.

Handguns are restricted to approved licence holders in New Zealand. Other firearms may be locked into a secure enclosure and sealed on board if under the control of a New Zealand Firearms Licence holder of the correct category or removed and secured by the New Zealand Police for safe keeping.

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