

The guidance in this leaflet relates to both the supply and purchase of:

## Industrial Safety Cartridges

eg. nail gun type cartridges  
(other than gas)

It outlines the legal responsibilities of suppliers and users.

*Please be aware that the buying and selling of industrial safety cartridges is controlled under the Explosives Act (NI) 1970 and as such any failure to comply could result in prosecution.*



Police inspections will take place to ensure compliance with explosives legislation.

The method of application is outlined in this leaflet. Applications may be submitted by email, fax or post.

## License to Purchase or Acquire Explosives for Purposes other than Blasting (Northern Ireland)

You **must** get permission from the police to purchase or acquire explosives for purposes other than blasting.

## This includes:

- industrial safety cartridges (nail gun cartridges)
- blank safety cartridges
- flares
- rockets
- small arms
- nitro compound
- gunpowder

*This applies whether you are a retail/hire establishment purchasing from a cartridge manufacturer for sale to an end user, or the end user purchasing from a retailer/hire establishment for the eventual actual use on a site.*

The consent form issued by Police must be in your possession before you can purchase the cartridges. It is an offence for both the retailer and for the purchaser to carry out the transaction without Police consent.

## How to apply

Download and print an Application Form by visiting **[www.psni.police.uk](http://www.psni.police.uk)** and typing 31/9 into the search section.

## You will need to give:

- your details
- the quantity and type of explosives (cartridges)
- supplier's details
- the purpose of the explosives (cartridges)

- details of place(s) where the explosives (cartridges) will be kept and used
- details of person responsible for safe custody
- the expected purchase date
- details of secure storage arrangements

Return your completed application either via post, fax or emailed to the appropriate explosives office for your area. Two original copies will be sent to you via post, one is for your records and one is to be presented to your supplier.

If you have forwarded your signed application by email, a copy of the consent will be returned to you via email and can be printed and used to present to the cartridge supplier (this should be the quickest way). The hard copy will still be sent to you for your records.

There are also requirements under our **Manufacture and Storage of Explosives Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006** whereby anyone storing greater than **5kgs** NEC (Net Explosive Content) of industrial safety cartridges on site must have their premises registered. This is carried out by the Department of Justice (Northern Ireland). There is no registration requirement for storing amounts less than 5kgs NEC however they should of course be stored securely in appropriate MSER compliant storage.

Relevant information can be found on the government website below by following the links ...

[www.legislation.gov.uk/nisr](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/nisr)