

Appendix 7c:

Young People at WRPC and the law about age limits when using an airgun and/or firearm.

Weybridge Rifle & Pistol Club allows young people to shoot firearms when the following criteria are met:

- Have attended, completed, and passed a Safe Shooters course run by the club.
- Can safely, accurately, and competently operate airguns.
- Have past their 14th Birthday.
- Can demonstrate safe handling and competency to use firearms.
- Shoot under 1 to 1 supervision of a competent and qualified adult club member.

Firearms Law and Young People: Details taken from:

<https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm199900/cmselect/cmhaff/95/9502.htm>

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<https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm199900/cmselect/cmhaff/95/9510.htm>

Until fourteen	<p>May not have section 1 firearm, unless i) under instruction of certificate holder for sporting purposes; ii) at a shooting gallery</p> <p>May not have, or be given, air weapon or air weapon ammunition, unless</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) under supervision of person over twenty-one; ii) engaging in target practice at approved rifle club of which a member; iii) at a shooting gallery <p>May not be given section 1 firearm</p>
Until fifteen	<p>May not have an assembled shotgun unless</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) under supervision of person over twenty-one; ii) weapon is carried in a secure gun cover <p>May not be given shotgun or shotgun ammunition</p>
Until seventeen	<p>May not have air weapon in a public place, unless</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) under supervision of person over twenty-one; ii) weapon is carried in a secure gun cover; iii) engaging in target practice at approved rifle club of which a member; iv) at a shooting gallery <p>May not purchase or hire firearm and/or ammunition</p>
Until eighteen	<p>May not use firearm or shotgun for a purpose not authorised by the European Weapons Directive</p>

A simplification of the wording allowing young people "to learn about safe firearms use in a controlled manner":

Under 14 years. Firearms may be used under the supervision of an adult on property where permission has been granted to shoot.

Under 17 years. Firearms may be used without supervision on the grant of the appropriate certificate, appropriate parental/guardian endorsement and permission to shoot. Firearms and ammunition may be received as a gift only.

Over 17 years. Firearms may be used without supervision; firearms and ammunition may be purchased and hired.