

Give your family a place to start.

Eight steps for a firearm inventory your representative can use.

Prepared by: _____ Inventory date: _____

☐ **01 Identify each item.**

Record manufacturer, model, caliber or gauge, serial number where present, and distinguishing marks. Identify suppressors and other separate items individually.

☐ **02 Take useful photos.**

Match a clear full-item photo and readable identifying marks to the correct record. Keep sensitive images in a controlled copy.

☐ **03 Gather supporting paperwork.**

Locate receipts, transfer records, approvals, appraisals, and ownership documents. Keep originals and an index of their locations.

☐ **04 Identify the legal owner.**

Flag personally owned, trust-owned, jointly claimed, borrowed, or already sold items. Resolve uncertain ownership with appropriate help.

☐ **05 Record the history and your wishes.**

Preserve family stories and intended recipients. Have counsel put enforceable instructions in the appropriate estate documents.

☐ **06 Plan for value and alternatives.**

Separate purchase cost from a dated estimate or appraisal. Discuss alternate beneficiaries or a lawful sale if needed.

☐ **07 Prepare access and an independent backup.**

Arrange secure access to the records and retain an independent backup. Keep passwords and access instructions separate from broadly shared copies.

☐ **08 Print, review, and keep it current.**

Give your representative a dated starting inventory. Review after purchases, sales, moves, estate-plan changes, or changes in applicable law.

Your finished packet: a dated inventory, a document-location index, professional contacts, and questions for counsel. Include illness or incapacity planning as well as death.

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Make the handoff useful.

Complete this cover sheet; keep sensitive access details separately.

Inventory prepared by / date of most recent review

Authorized representative and attorney / contact details

Where original documents are kept (or location of a separate index)

Readable copy supplied / file name and date / who received it

Independent protected backup location / date last verified

Before you share

- ☐ Open the copy and confirm that the intended records and attachments are present.
- ☐ Ask the attorney which originals are needed and which delivery method they prefer.
- ☐ Keep passwords, safe combinations, license keys and buyer ID copies separate.
- ☐ Arrange a separate test restore; never overwrite your only working inventory.

Questions to resolve with counsel

Who owns each item? Who has authority during incapacity or probate? Can the intended recipient lawfully receive it? Which transfer, transport, trust or NFA requirements apply?

Two different purposes: a readable HTML export or printout supports discussion. A protected .flvault backup supports recovery. Follow the app's safeguards if sensitive sale history blocks HTML export; preserve that history.

Check current rules: 27 CFR 478.30 and ATF state-law directory are starting points. Verify applicable state and local law. An enforcement policy is not repeal.
