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Prop guns, or replica firearms, are prohibited in Toronto and Canada except where a permit may be issued authorizing possession for purposes such as for use in the screen based industry.

If your filming plans involve the use of a prop or replica firearm, please complete a SPFX Firearms & Blank Gunfire / Letter of Intent Form located on the Toronto Film & Television Office website at www.toronto.ca/tfto Or contact staff at 416-338-FILM (3456) and request that one be forwarded to you via e-mail or fax.

Prop guns can be mistaken for genuine firearms by members of the public. This poses potential risks for public safety. The Police will respond to any reported incident under the assumption that the firearm is real and not authorized. If the ETF-EDU (Emergency Task Force – Explosives Disposal Unit) respond this could result in serious consequences and the shut down of the production. There is also a risk of criminal charges being laid.

If you are filming on **public** property, a location filming permit is required for both the filming portion of the event as well as use of the replica firearm.

If filming is taking place entirely on **private** property, a location filming permit will be required if there is public showing of a replica firearm. Obtaining your location filming permit will ensure that the police are properly notified and aware of its use. Should a member of the public call police stating a concern, the police will be prepared with the knowledge that a filming event is taking place using a replica firearm and will be in a knowledgeable position to respond to the call effectively and safely.

Respond to the question

“Will any scene(s) filmed involve use of replica guns with actors, stunt people or designated wardrobe person(s)? Yes No”

in the first section of the form.

For more information about the use of replica firearms in Canada, visit <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cfp-pcaf/fs-fd/replica-replique-eng.htm>