

State Name

Shall/May Issue

Must Inform Officer: *Yes or No*

States Name - *Is a link to the states Official Website.*

Shall/May Issue - *Tells what the states issuing policy is.*

Must Inform Officer: *Some states require on any official contact with a Law Enforcement Officer that the permit holder must immediately inform them that they are a permit holder and have a firearm with them. Failure to inform them immediately is a violation of their statutes.*

Map – *Shows only states that honor the state named at the top. There may be conditions such as only a Resident permit from the state named in the header is honored by that state or only permits issued after a certain date. The Legend of the map will tell what each color on the map means.*

Note Under Map – *First group of states listed have permitless carry and allow anyone who can legally possess a firearm to carry it without a permit to carry.*

2nd Listing of States under Note: *List of states that have permitless carry but only for Residents of those listed states.*

A red Note: *designates wording that Handgunlaw.us has added and are our take on certain aspects of a states Statutes/Regulations. Those Notes will be found throughout this document. Most Sections will have links to State Statutes that are listed or State Resources to obtain more information and/or confirm what is listed.*

State CCW Links

This section will have links to mostly State Websites where you can obtain more information and/or confirm the information listed in this document. The Bottom of this section has a Last Updated: MM/DD/YYYY that this page was updated and what was updated is listed at end of this document. Last Updated is also a link to the bottom of this document where it tells you what was updated.

Permits/Licenses This State Honors Listed Below

*This section lists the states that this state honors. There may be conditions on some states permits and they will have a Superscript number **XX**¹ and below the list of states that sates name will be listed with the superscript and the conditions this state puts on permits from that state.*

If the state will honor only Resident permits from the states they honor or will honor any permit that state issues no matter if it is issued to a resident or non-resident of that state and if there is a min age for the permits from the states they honor it will be listed here as “21 years of age.”

Below all of that in this section will be that states statute on how they honor other states with a link to that states law. If they don't honor other states it will state that also.

Permitless Carry

Some states allow people to carry without any type of permit. If this state has such a statute it will be listed here and we will try to explain how that law is applied. Some states have residency requirements and only allow their residents to carry without a permit. This section will explain that.

How to Apply for A Permit

This section gives information on How/Where to apply for a Permit/License to Carry to residents of the state with links to state specific websites to obtain an application and apply. Some state offer two or three types of carry permits. This section will inform you about them if applicable.

Non Resident Permits

This section gives information on How/Where to apply for a Non-Resident Permit/License to Carry if this state issues to Non-Residents. Some states place restrictions on what Non-Residents they will issue to. Most times that is to Military/Boarder State Residents etc. This section will give info on how to apply if you can.

Places Off-Limits Even With A Permit/License

*This section list the places in a state that even with a permit/license the state issues or honors a person **CAN'T CARRY!** List of places and links to state laws. Some Off Limit places Statutes may be listed.*

Parking Lot Storage Laws

If a state has a "Parking Lot Storage Law" that allows for the storage of firearms in a vehicle on State/Private Property that statute will be listed here with an explanation if needed.

Must Inform Officer?

This section is noted at the top of this Document as the place to look for info if the state requires immediate notification that you must inform the Officer that you are carrying and have a Firearm on you or in the vehicle. If they don't have an inform law this section will give the statute or Regulation or possession of your permit when carrying and when you have to produce it.

Do "No Gun Signs" Have the Force of Law?

*This section only covers **No Gun Signs on Private Property Not Specifically Listed** in state Statute/Regulations as being off limits. If going past a No Gun Sign is a criminal offense or not. If they don't have the force of law they have to ask you to leave first and then if you don't you are trespassing.*

Carry In State Parks/State & National Forests/WMA/Road Side Rest Areas

This section states if you can carry in the areas listed. Usually there is a link to a Statute/Regulation or other form of state notification if carry is allowed in the location. There also may be some Notes like: Concealed Carry only or other restrictions.

State Parks:

State/National Forests:

WMA's:

Road Side Rest Areas:

RV/Car Carry Without A Permit/License

*This section gives the law/Regulation for **carrying in a vehicle without a valid permit in this state**. If there is a Statute/Regulation on carrying in vehicle that statute with link will be in this section. Many states allow some form of carry for those without a permit. If Carry of any type requires a permit they issue/honor it will state that here that a permit this state's issues or honors is needed for vehicle carry. Motorcycles are treated just like cars/SUVs/Pickup Trucks if licensed to be driven on the highways.*

Open Carry

This section gives a brief statement on Open Carry in this state. Handgunlaw.us mainly concerns itself with the Concealed Carry of a Firearm. There are links in this section to find more information on Open Carry in this state.

State Preemption

This section gives the state Preemption Statute/s and any restrictions that apply or don't apply to State Agencies and Local Authorities. There will be a link to the complete Preemption law that takes you to the Statute.

Deadly Force Laws

This section just list the Alpha/Numeric Codes and their titles to this state's Deadly Force Statutes along with a link to those sections of the states Statutes.

Knife Laws State/Cities

This section contains is a link to a Document that Handgunlaw.us assembled to the Knife Laws of the states and many cities in those states. The document only applies to the concealed carrying of a folder type knife. The document has links to other sites that give more info on Knife Laws.

Carry in Restaurants That Serve Alcohol

This section just tells you Yes or No if you can carry in a Restaurant that serves alcohol for consumption on their premises and sit down and eat without consuming any alcohol. Handgunlaw.us will not give info on if a person can consume when carry. We state in this section if they want more information on their state carry laws and consuming to look up their state statutes.

Chemical Sprays/Stun Gun/Higher Capacity Magazine Laws

This section lists any restrictions by the state or local authorities on the items listed in the title of this section. Links to statutes/Regulations/Local Ordinances are given if restrictions are in place.

LEOSA State Information

This section has information for Law Enforcement Active/Retired on carrying firearms under Federal Law. Federal and State Laws with links to information that state puts out about LEOSA are listed.

Airport Carry/Misc. Information

This section is a Misc Section that list items that may be of some importance to those who carry. Alpha/Numeric Codes for the Statutes/Regulations that apply are listed. Most are not links to those codes but a link to a States Statutes/Regulations are at the top of this state's page allowing a person to look up the Statute/Regulation.

Airport Carry

Training Valid for:

Time Period to Establish Residency:

Minimum Age for Permit/License:

Permit/License Info Public Information:

State Fire arm Laws:

State Deadly Force Laws:

State Knife Laws:

Chemical/Electric Weapons Laws:

Body Armor Laws:

Does Your Permit Cover Other Weapons Besides Firearms?

Can You Carry Your Defensive Firearm While Hunting?

Permit/License Image

This section contains an image of a states Permit/License to Carry. This image was created by Handgunlaw.us and in most cases is not 100% accurate but gives a good representation of the states Permit/License. If your state has changed the format of their issued Permit/License Handgunlaw.us would like to know. You can email us at admins@handgunlaw.us

Notes:

This section contains items that didn't fit into any other section. States definition of what they consider a loaded firearm. State Emergency Powers and how they apply to firearms in a Declared State of Emergency and the minimum age a person can transport a firearm without any type of permit unloaded and secured in a vehicle.

Updates to this Page:

This sections lists the updates made to this page and the date they were made. There is a link to Archived Updates for this page that can be accessed. The archives go back to late 2008

All State pages are laid out the same. Some states don't have a certain section like the Parking Lot Storage Section as some don't have a Statute covering that issue. If you have any questions Steve and I answer all emails. You can contact us by clicking on "Contact Us" at the bottom of the Main Page or at admins@handgunlaw.us Stay Safe, Gary Slider and Steve Aikens

A good place to start is the FAQ Page for the site that will answer more questions you may have <http://www.handgunlaw.us/documents/FAQ.pdf>