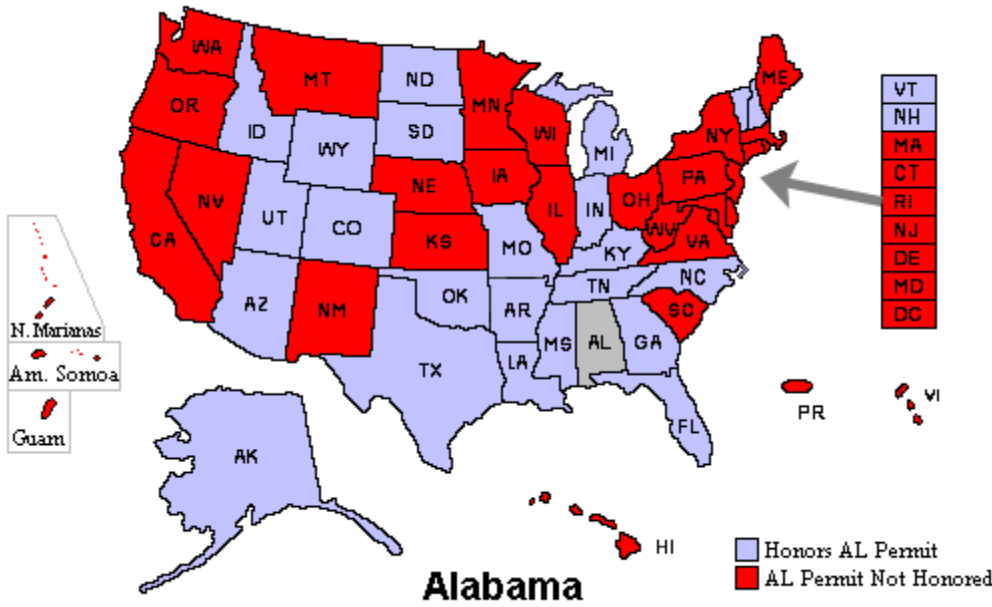


# Alabama

May Issue      Must Inform Officer: **NO**



## Links

- [State CCW Site](#)
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## Permits/Licenses This State Honors

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## Alabama Honors Non-Resident Permits/Licenses

### How to Apply for A Permit

Your Local Sheriff Issues Permits. Contact your local Sheriff for details on how to apply.  
 Term of Permit: 1 Year  
 Costs: \$5.00 to \$15.00 Depending on the Sheriff

### Section 13A-11-75

#### License to carry pistol in vehicle or concealed on person - Issuance; term; form; fee; revocation.

The sheriff of a county, upon the application of any person residing in that county, may issue a qualified or unlimited license to such person to carry a pistol in a vehicle or concealed on or about his person within this state for not more than one year from date of issue, if it appears that the applicant has good reason to fear injury to his person or property or has any other proper reason for carrying a pistol, and that he is a suitable person to be so licensed. The license shall be in triplicate, in form to be prescribed by the Secretary of State, and shall bear the name, address, description, and signature of the licensee and the reason given for desiring a license. The original thereof shall be delivered to the licensee, the duplicate shall, within seven days, be sent by registered or certified mail to the Director of Public Safety, and the triplicate shall be preserved for six years by the authority issuing the same. The fee for issuing such license shall be one dollar (\$1) which shall be paid into the county treasury unless otherwise provided by local law. Prior to issuance of a license, the sheriff shall contact available local, state, and federal criminal history data banks to determine whether

possession of a firearm by an applicant would be a violation of state or federal law. The sheriff may revoke a license upon proof that the licensee is not a proper person to be licensed.

(Acts 1936, Ex. Sess., No. 82, p. 51; Code 1940, T. 14, §177; Acts 1947, No. 616, p. 463, §5; Acts 1951, No. 784, p. 1378; Code 1975, §13-6-155; Act 2006-551, p. 1268, §1.)

## Non-Resident Permits

Alabama Does not issue Non Resident Permits

## Places Off-Limits Even With A Permit/License

### Section [13A-11-72](#)

Premises of a public school. The term "public school" as used in this section applies only to a school composed of grades K-12 and shall include a school bus used for grades K-12

(c) Subject to the exceptions provided by Section 13A-11-74, no person shall knowingly with intent to do bodily harm carry or possess a deadly weapon on the premises of a public school.

(d) Possession of a deadly weapon with the intent to do bodily harm on the premises of a public school in violation of subsection (c) of this section is a Class C felony.

(e) Law enforcement officers are exempt from this section, and persons with pistol permits issued pursuant to Section 13A-11-75, are exempt from the provisions of subsection (c) of this section.

### Section [13A-11-59](#)

#### **Possession of firearms by persons participating in, attending, etc., demonstrations at public places.**

(a) For the purposes of this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this subsection, except in those instances where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

(1) **DEMONSTRATION.** Demonstrating, picketing, speechmaking or marching, holding of vigils and all other like forms of conduct which involve the communication or expression of views or grievances engaged in by one or more persons, the conduct of which has the effect, intent or propensity to draw a crowd or onlookers. Such term shall not include casual use of property by visitors or tourists which does not have an intent or propensity to attract a crowd or onlookers.

(2) **FIREARM.** Any pistol, rifle, shotgun or firearm of any kind, whether loaded or not.

(3) **LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.** Any duly appointed and acting federal, state, county or municipal law enforcement officer, peace officer or investigating officer, or any military or militia personnel called out or directed by constituted authority to keep the law and order, and any park ranger while acting as such on the grounds of a public park and who is on regular duty and present to actively police and control the demonstration, and who is assigned this duty by his department or agency. Such term does not include a peace officer on strike or a peace officer not on duty.

**(4) PUBLIC PLACE.** Any place to which the general public has access and a right to resort for business, entertainment or other lawful purpose, but does not necessarily mean a place devoted solely to the uses of the public. Such term shall include the front or immediate area or parking lot of any store, shop, restaurant, tavern, shopping center or other place of business. Such term shall also include any public building, the grounds of any public building, or within the curtilage of any public building, or in any public parking lot, public street, right-of-way, sidewalk right-of-way, or within any public park or other public grounds.

**(b)** It shall be unlawful for any person, other than a law enforcement officer, to have in his or her possession or on his or her person or in any vehicle any firearm while participating in or attending any demonstration being held at a public place.

**(c)** It shall be unlawful for any person, other than a law enforcement officer as defined in subsection (a) of this section, to have in his or her possession or about his or her person or in any vehicle at a point within 1,000 feet of a demonstration at a public place, any firearm after having first been advised by a law enforcement officer that a demonstration was taking place at a public place and after having been ordered by such officer to remove himself or herself from the prescribed area until such time as he or she no longer was in possession of any firearm. This subsection shall not apply to any person in possession of or having on his or her person any firearm within a private dwelling or other private building or structure.

### **Section [13A-11-59](#)**

**(c)** It shall be unlawful for any person, other than a law enforcement officer as defined in subsection (a) of this section, to have in his or her possession or about his or her person or in any vehicle at a point within 1,000 feet of a demonstration at a public place, any firearm after having first been advised by a law enforcement officer that a demonstration was taking place at a public place and after having been ordered by such officer to remove himself or herself from the prescribed area until such time as he or she no longer was in possession of any firearm.

**Note:** Sheriffs in Alabama can and do put other restrictions on the permit holders they issue to. Do be aware of any of those restrictions that may be on your permit/license to carry. Carrying where alcohol is served or consuming alcohol while carrying is one I have seen on more than one Alabama Sheriffs web site that adds these restrictions. Government buildings are another restricted item they add. Most state City, County and State Government Buildings are off limits. Again do be aware of any restriction on your permit/license. These restrictions if noted on the permit/license would be in effect in any other county in Alabama you would visit. When going out of state and carrying on an Alabama permit/license that Alabama honors you must go by the laws of the state you are in. Do be careful.

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

#### **Carry Allowed in these Areas:**

**State Parks:**     **NO**     [Admin Code 220-5-.08](#)

**State/National Forests:**     **NO**     [Admin Code 390-X-7-.08](#)

**WMA's:**     **NO**     [Alabama Code 9-11-304](#)

**Road Side Rest Areas:**     **YES**

### **RV/Car Carry Without A Permit/License**

You must have a Permit/License to carry a loaded handgun in any vehicle.

## State Preemption

### Section 11-45-1.1

Subject matter of handguns reserved to State Legislature; Power of municipality to adopt certain ordinances; concurrent jurisdiction of municipal courts with district courts.

No incorporated municipality shall have the power to enact any ordinance, rule, or regulation which shall tax, restrict, prevent, or in any way affect the possession or ownership of handguns by the citizens of this state. The entire subject matter of handguns is reserved to the State Legislature. This section shall not be construed to limit or restrict the power of a municipality to adopt ordinances which make the violation of a state handgun law a violation of a municipal ordinance to the same extent as other state law violations, or to limit or restrict the power of a municipal court to exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the district court over violations of state handgun laws which may be prosecuted as breaches of a municipal ordinance.

(Acts 1982, No. 82-442, p. 694, §1; Acts 1994, No. 94-635, p. 1195,

### Section 11-80-11

Regulation of gun shows, etc.; authority to bring or settle certain lawsuits reserved to Attorney General.

(a) No county or municipal corporation, instrumentality, or political subdivision thereof, by ordinance, resolution, or other enactment, shall regulate in any manner gun shows, the possession, ownership, transport, carrying, transfer, sale, purchase, licensing, registration or use of firearms, ammunition, components of firearms, firearms dealers, or dealers in firearm components.

(b)(1) Subsection (a) does not affect the authority a municipality has under law to regulate the discharge of firearms within the limits of the municipality or the authority a county has under law enacted prior to August 1, 2000, to regulate the discharge of firearms within the jurisdiction of the county.

(2) Subsection (a) does not affect the authority of the state, a county, or a municipality to assess, enforce, and collect sales taxes, use taxes, and gross receipts taxes in the nature of sales taxes as defined by Section 40-2A-3(8), on the retail sale of firearms and ammunition or to assess, enforce, and collect business licenses from firearms or ammunition manufacturers, trade associations, distributors, or dealers for the privilege of engaging in business.

Further, nothing herein shall exempt any business which uses firearms or ammunition in the conduct of its business or any business which leases or sells firearms or ammunition from the provisions of county and municipal planning and zoning laws, as long as the code, ordinance, or regulations are not used to circumvent the intent of subsection (a). [ist] [list] This section shall not be construed to limit or restrict the power of a municipality to adopt or enforce ordinances which make the violation of a state firearm law a violation of a municipal ordinance to the same extent as other state law violations.

(c) The authority to bring or settle any lawsuit in which the state has an exclusive interest or right to recover against any firearm or ammunition manufacturer, trade association, or dealer, and the authority to bring or settle any lawsuit on behalf of any governmental unit created by or pursuant to an act of the Legislature or the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, or any department, agency, or authority thereof, for damages, abatement, injunctive relief, or other equitable relief resulting from or relating to the design, manufacture, marketing, or lawful sale of firearms or ammunition, or both, shall be reserved exclusively to the Attorney General, by and with the consent of the Governor. This section shall not prohibit a county or municipal corporation from bringing an action against a

firearms or ammunition manufacturer or dealer for breach of contract or warranty as to firearms or ammunition purchased by the political subdivision or local governmental authority.

(Act 2000-762, § 1.)

## Deadly Force Laws

### **Title 13A Criminal Code.**

#### **Article 1 Responsibility .**

**Section 13A-3-1** Mental disease or defect.

**Section 13A-3-2** Intoxication.

**Section 13A-3-3** Immaturity.

#### **Article 2 Justification and Excuse .**

**Section 13A-3-20** Definitions.

**Section 13A-3-22** Execution of public duty.

**Section 13A-3-23** Use of force in defense of a person.

**Section 13A-3-24** Use of force by persons with parental, custodial or special responsibilities.

**Section 13A-3-25** Use of force in defense of premises.

**Section 13A-3-26** Use of force in defense of property other than premises.

**Section 13A-3-27** Use of force in making an arrest or preventing an escape.

**Section 13A-3-28** Use of force in resisting arrest prohibited.

**Section 13A-3-30** Duress.

**Section 13A-3-31** Entrapment.

## Knife Laws State/Cities

To access State/Local Knife Laws Click [“Here”](#)

## Carry in Restaurants That Serve Alcohol

Yes

**Note:** What is defined as carry in a restaurant that serves alcohol is a place like Friday’s or Red Lobster. This does not mean a bar or the bar area of a restaurant. Handgunlaw.us believes you should never consume alcohol when carrying your firearm. In some states it is illegal to take even one drink while carrying a firearm.

## Chemical Sprays/Stun Gun/Higher Capacity Magazine Laws

Handgunlaw.us could find no restrictions in Alabama Law concerning Chemical Sprays, Stun Guns Or Higher Capacity Magazine Bans.

## LEOSA State Information

[Alabama Attorney General Opinion on LEOSA](#)

## Attorney General Opinions/Court Cases

[Alabama AG Opinion – Carry in Parks](#)

[Alabama AG Opinion - Are Permits Public Record](#)

[Alabama AG Opinion – City Workers and Guns](#)

[Alabama AG Opinion – Open Carry](#)

[Alabama AG Opinion – Active Duty Military/Spouses and CCW](#)

## Airport Carry/Misc. Information

**Airport Carry:** No laws found.

**Body Armor Laws:** Unknown

**Training Valid for:** No set time limit.

**Time Period to Establish Residency:** Reside in County

**Minimum Age for Permit/License:** 18

**Permit/License Info Public Information:** NO

**State Fire arm Laws:** 13A-11-50 thru 13A-11-85

**State Deadly Force Laws:** 13A-3-1 thru 13A-3-31

**State Knife Laws:** 13A-11-50 & 13A-11-55

**Chemical/Electric Weapons Laws:** 13A-6-27(Chem)

**Body Armor Laws:** No Laws Found.

**Does Your Permit Cover Other Weapons Besides Firearms?** NO 13A-11-75.

## Updates to this Page

7/1/09 – AL Permit/License Info is no longer public information.

7/30/09 - Spelling error fixed

8/18/09 – All Links checked and any broken links were repaired.

9/23/09 – AG Opinion added on carry in parks. Other opinions added back onto page that were deleted by an unknown error.

11/24/09 – Law links to WMA, State Parks, State/National Forest Carry Added.