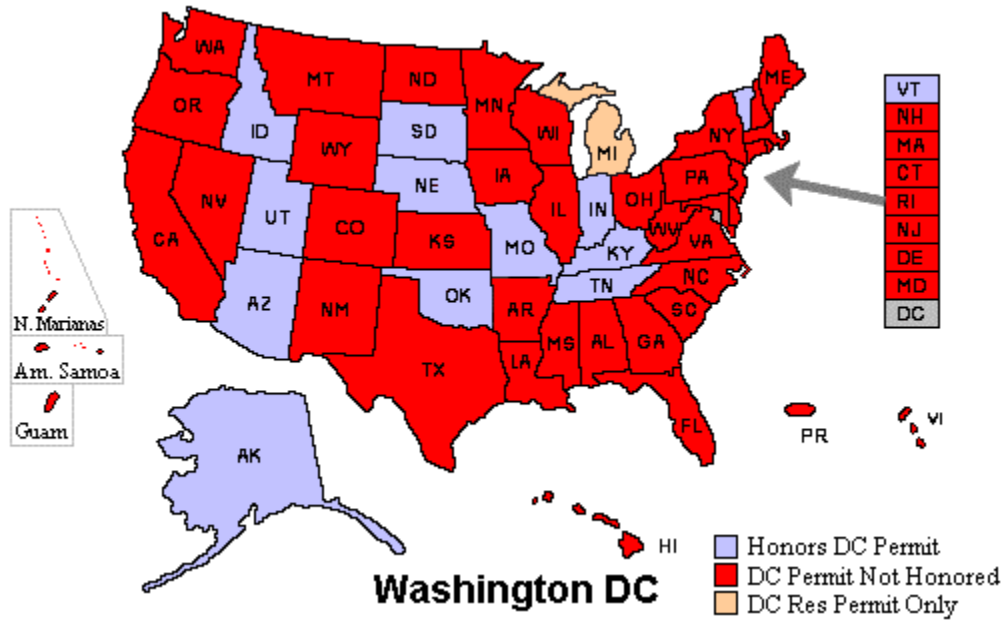


# Washington DC

May Issue

Must Inform Officer: **NO**



## Links

- [State CCW Site](#)
- [State CCW Pamphlet](#)
- [CCW Application](#)
- [Metro Police Dept.](#)
- [DC Code](#)
- [DC Municipal Rules](#)
- [State Reciprocity Info](#)
- [DC Attorney General](#)
- [2<sup>nd</sup> CCW Info Site](#)
- [DC Office of Secretary](#)
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## Permits/Licenses This State Honors

DC does not honor any other states permits.

## How to Apply for A Permit

The Chief of Police issues permits. They are valid for 1 year max. There are no clear instructions on how to apply available.

### § 22-4506. Issue of licenses to carry pistol.

The Chief of Police of the District of Columbia may, upon the application of any person having a bona fide residence or place of business within the District of Columbia or of any person having a bona fide residence or place of business within the United States and a license to carry a pistol concealed upon his or her person issued by the lawful authorities of any State or subdivision of the United States, issue a license to such person to carry a pistol within the District of Columbia for not more than 1 year from date of issue, if it appears that the applicant has good reason to fear injury to his or her person or property or has any other proper reason for carrying a pistol and that he or she is a suitable person to be so licensed. The license shall be in duplicate, in form to be prescribed by the Mayor of the District of Columbia and shall bear the name, address, description, photograph, and signature of the licensee and the reason given for desiring a license. The original thereof shall be delivered to the licensee, and the duplicate shall be retained by the Chief of Police of the District of Columbia and preserved in his or her office for 6 years.

[Link to DC gun laws via Handgunlaw.us](#)

## Non-Resident Permits

Apply the same way as a resident would.

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

**22-4502.01.** Gun free zones; enhanced penalty [Formerly 22-3202.1]

(a) All areas within 1000 feet of a public or private day care center, elementary school, vocational school, secondary school, college, junior college, or university, or any public swimming pool, playground, video arcade, or youth center, or an event sponsored by any of the above entities shall be declared a gun free zone.

(b) Any person illegally carrying a gun within a gun free zone shall be punished by a fine up to twice that otherwise authorized to be imposed, by a term of imprisonment up to twice that otherwise authorized to be imposed, or both.

### **7-2507.01**

(b) No person may loan, borrow, give, or rent to or from another person, any firearm, destructive device, or ammunition.

### **§ 22-4507 Certain sales of pistols prohibited.**

No person shall within the District of Columbia sell any pistol to a person who he or she has reasonable cause to believe is not of sound mind, or is forbidden by § 22-4503 to possess a pistol, or, except when the relation of parent and child or guardian and ward exists, is under the age of 21 years.

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

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

**State Parks: YES**

**State/National Forests: Unknown**

**WMA's: Unknown**

**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

No Preemption Law. DC is a city unto itself and therefore city laws (Plus Federal Regulations) cover the entire district.

## Deadly Force Laws

No laws found in DC code.

## Knife Laws State/Cities

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

## Carry in Restaurants That Serve Alcohol

**YES** (If you have a permit from the District which are few in number)

**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

[§ 7-2501.01](#) Stun Devices/Electric Weapon type devices are illegal.

[7-2502.14](#) Self-defense sprays are lawful if used or possessed by a person 18 or over "in the exercise of reasonable force in defense of the person or the person's property only if it is propelled from an aerosol container, labeled with or accompanied by clearly written instructions as to its use, and dated to indicate its anticipated useful life." When purchasing such a spray, the buyer must complete a standard registration form, and the vendor must forward the form to the Metropolitan Police Department.

## LEOSA State Information

No LEOSA Information available.

## Attorney General Opinions/Court Cases

Handgunlaw.us can find no AG Opinions or Court Cases concerning the carrying of firearms. This does not mean there are no AG Opinions or Court Cases. We could just not find any. DC really doesn't have an AG like the rest of the states.

## Airport Carry/Misc. Information

**Airport Carry:** **NO.** Airports in DC. Reagan & Dulles are outside the District. Dulles Airport Toll Road is under the authority of MWAA along with Ronald Reagan and Dulles Airports and are most likely Off Limits including the parking lots.

**Training Valid for:** No set time for training. I could not even find if training is required.

**Time Period to Establish Residency:** Unknown. Most likely upon obtaining a DC Drivers License.

**Minimum Age for Permit/License:** 21

**Permit/License Info Public Information:** YES

**State Fire arm Laws:** 22-4501 thru 22-4517

**State Deadly Force Laws:** No laws found.

**State Knife Laws: 22-4514**

**Chemical/Electric Weapons Laws: 7-2502.12 thru 7-2502.14**

**Body Armor Laws: Unknown**

**Does Your Permit Cover Other Weapons Besides Firearms? NO § 22-4506**

## Updates to this Page

**8/19/09** – All Links checked and repaired if broken

**8/31/09** – NE added as state that honors DC Permit.

**11/27/09** - DC Map Updated with states that honor a DC Permit.

**12/21/09** – Places off Limits updated with info on obtaining firearms.