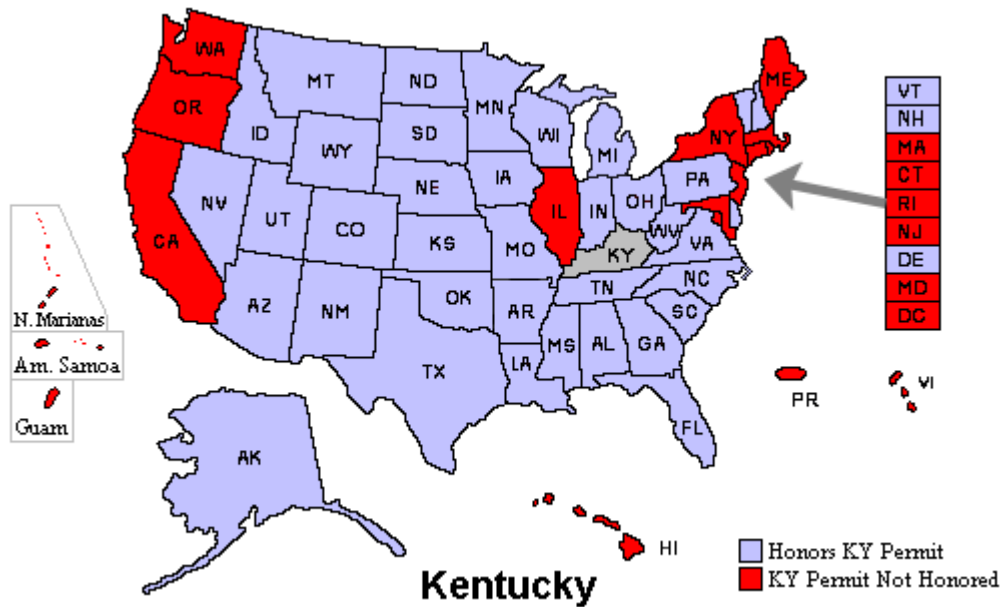


Kentucky

Shall Issue

Must Inform Officer: **NO**



Links

[State CCW Site](#)

CCW Pamphlet

CCW Application

[State FAQ Site](#)

[State Statutes](#)

[State Admin Rules](#)

[State Reciprocity Info](#)

[State Attorney General](#)

2nd CCW Info Site

[Secretary of State](#)

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Permits/Licenses This State Honors

Kentucky honors all other states Permit/Licenses.

Kentucky Honors Non-Resident Permits/Licenses From the States They Honor.

(Must be 21 years of age or older)

How to Apply for A Permit

An applicant for a CCDW license must complete an application form at the sheriff's office in his or her county of residence. The applicant must also pay the \$60 application fee at the time of application (active and retired peace officers that meet the requirements of KRS 237.110(7) are exempt from paying the application or renewal fee). The sixty-dollar fee is to be allocated as follows:

- Payment of twenty dollars to the sheriff of your county of residence.
- A check or money order for forty dollars (the portion of the CCDW fee allocated to the KSP and the Administrative Office of the Courts by statute) payable to the Department of State Police. The KSP will collect the portion of the fee designated for the Administrative Office of the Courts on its behalf.

Applications that are not accompanied by a check or money order for forty dollars (\$40.00) payable to the Department of State Police will be returned unprocessed to the sheriff of the applicant's county of residence.

The application will be sent to the Kentucky State Police within five working days.

The application form, completed under oath, must include the following:

- Name, Address, Date of Birth, Gender and Social Security Number.
- Recent color photograph: full head shot no smaller than 3 ½ x 4 nor larger than 4x5 inches.
- A photocopy of a certificate or an affidavit or document certifying completion of a firearms training course offered or approved by the Department of Criminal Justice Training.

The CCDW License Application - Citizenship Affidavit (KSP 131) must be completed and submitted to the sheriff of your county of residence to be attached to the application. [You can download the KSP 131 by clicking here.](#)

Renewal Process

Not less than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the expiration date of a CCDW license, the Department of State Police shall mail to each licensee a written notice of the expiration and a renewal form. If you wish to renew your CCDW license, you must take the renewal notice, a [CCDW License Citizenship/Immigration Status Affidavit](#) and a color photograph to the Sheriff of your county of residence. **You can download the CCDW License Citizenship/Immigration Status Affidavit (KSP 131) to be submitted with the renewal form to the Sheriff of your county of residence by clicking [here](#).** The photograph must be in color. The photograph must be no less than three and one-half (3 ½) inches by four (4) inches and no more than four (4) inches by five (5) inches. The photograph shall display the full front of the head and the facial features of the applicant. The applicant shall not wear sunglasses or attire that obscures their facial features in the photograph. The photograph shall be an original photograph or a photographic copy developed from the negative of an original photograph and must not be an image produced by a computer, copier or other copy machine. Digital photographs or their printed images are not acceptable.

If you fail to renew your license on or before the expiration date and wish to renew your license, you will be required to pay an additional late fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00).

To pay the renewal fee, you must submit a payment to the Sheriff in the amount of twenty dollars and a check or money order in the amount of forty dollars (fifty five dollars if the renewal application is submitted after the expiration date of the license) payable to the Department of State Police.

If six months or more has passed since the expiration date of your license, your license has permanently expired and cannot be renewed. If your license has permanently expired, you may reapply for licensure pursuant to KRS 237.110 by obtaining a CCDW application from the Sheriff of your county of residence.

Non-Resident Permits

Kentucky will issue a License to Carry to military personnel if:

Is a citizen of the United States who is a member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is on active duty, who is at the time of application assigned to a military posting in Kentucky, and who has been assigned to a posting in the Commonwealth for six (6) months or longer immediately preceding the filing of the application.

If you meet the above requirement you would apply like a resident.

Places Off-Limits Even With A Permit/License

[237.110](#)

- Police station or sheriff's office.
- Detention facility, prison or jail
- Courthouse (Court of Justice, courtroom or court proceeding).
- County, municipal, or special district governing body meetings

- General Assembly session, including committee meetings.
- Any portion of an establishment licensed to dispense beer or alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises, which portion of the establishment is primarily devoted to that purpose;
- Elementary or secondary school facilities or any other property owned, used, or operated by any board of education, school, board of trustees, regents, or directors for the administration of any public or private educational institution. The provisions of this section shall not apply to institutions of postsecondary or higher education. Note: Unlawful possession of a weapon on school property in Kentucky is a felony punishable by a maximum of five (5) years in prison and a ten thousand dollar (\$10,000) fine.
- Child-caring facilities, day care centers, or any certified family child care home.
- Areas within airport where restricted access is controlled by the inspection of persons or property.
- Any place where the carrying of a firearm is prohibited by federal law
- The owner, business or commercial lessee, or manager of a private business enterprise, day-care center as defined in KRS 199.894 or certified or licensed family child-care home as defined in KRS 199.8982, or a health-care facility licensed under KRS Chapter 216B, except facilities renting or leasing housing, may prohibit persons holding concealed deadly weapon licenses from carrying concealed deadly weapons on the premises and may prohibit employees, not authorized by the employer, holding concealed deadly weapons licenses from carrying concealed deadly weapons on the property of the employer. If the building or the premises are open to the public, the employer or business enterprise shall post signs on or about the premises if carrying concealed weapons is prohibited.
- Possession of weapons, or ammunition, or both in a vehicle on the premises shall not be a criminal offense so long as the weapons, or ammunition, or both are not removed from the vehicle or brandished while the vehicle is on the premises. A private but not a public employer may prohibit employees or other persons holding a concealed deadly weapons license from carrying concealed deadly weapons, or ammunition, or both in vehicles owned by the employer, but may not prohibit employees or other persons holding a concealed deadly weapons license from carrying concealed deadly weapons, or ammunition, or both in vehicles owned by the employee, except that the Justice Cabinet may prohibit an employee from carrying any weapons, or ammunition, or both other than the weapons, or ammunition, or both issued or authorized to be used Page 6 of 11 by the employee of the cabinet, in a vehicle while transporting persons under the employee's supervision or jurisdiction.
- Carrying of a concealed weapon, or ammunition, or both in a location specified in the above bulleted Item (In Vehicles) by a license holder shall not be a criminal act but may subject the person to denial from the premises or removal from the premises, and, if an employee of an employer, **disciplinary measures by the employer.**

303 KAR 1:041. Certain Objects and Attire Prohibited On Premises.

Relates To: Krs 247.145

Statutory Authority: Krs 247.145

KRS 247.145 authorizes the Kentucky State Fair Board to adopt reasonable administrative regulations necessary to maintain decency and good order, to protect the peace or safety of the general public, or to protect the public interest,

Section 3. No person is licensed to enter or remain in any building or stadium owned or operated by the Kentucky State Fair Board while in possession of a firearm or other deadly weapon (as defined in KRS 500.080(4)), regardless of whether such person would be licensed to enter such building if he did not possess such firearm, provided that this section shall not apply to a peace officer who is permitted by law to carry such weapon concealed or who is carrying such a weapon in the line of duty.

Land Between The Lakes (USDA Forest Service)

General Regulations:

12. Possession, transportation or discharge of firearms, air guns, crossbows, bows and arrows or other weapons and explosives, including fireworks, is prohibited except authorized hunting equipment during set hunt dates.

I received the following from:

Kathryn Harper

Manager, Communication Services

USDA Land Between The Lakes National Recreation Area

www.lbl.org

Below is the information LE&I provides to the public in regards to possessing firearms at LBL NRA:

- 1. Possession of firearms is prohibited except during legal firearms hunting seasons by licensed hunters and going to and from the LBL NRA firearms range. Firearms must be cased and unloaded during transport.*
- 2. Firearms possessed during legal hunting seasons by licensed hunters must be cased and unloaded (chamber + magazine) while being transported in a motorized vehicle.*
- 3. LBL LE&I also states that the concealed firearms carry permit does not apply to LBL NRA at this time, although the LE officers at LBL will honor the concealed carry permit if there are no other aggravating circumstances. Examples of aggravating circumstances are, but not limited to, violation of the concealed carry permit itself, shooting from a roadway, or shooting outside of the LBL firearms range”.*

Firearms on Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA Property)

4. **Firearms and Weapons** - TVA campgrounds may receive use by hunters during hunting season. While firearms and weapons are generally prohibited, possession of firearms and other weapons associated with in-season hunting excursions are permissible if they are unloaded and properly cased. **Possession of firearms at TVA public ramps, associated roads, and parking areas are allowed if the possession complies with the law of the state where the boat ramp is located and is not otherwise prohibited by law.**

Note: Day Use Areas, Campgrounds, and other developed recreational TVA lands are still off limits. TVA lands where Hunting is presently allowed, Undeveloped Shorelines, Boat Ramps, Boat Ramp Parking Areas and Associated Roads for those areas is where carry will be allowed

Do “No Gun Signs” Have the Force of Law?

“NO” [237.110](http://www.237.110)

“Handgunlaw.us highly recommends that you not enter a place that is posted "No Firearms" no matter what the state laws read/mean on signage. We recommend you print out the [No Guns = No Money Cards](#) and give one to the owner of the establishment that has the signage." As responsible gun owners and upholders of

the 2nd Amendment we should also honor the rights of property owners to control their own property even if we disagree with them.”

“No Firearm” signs in Kentucky have no force of law unless they are posted on property that is specifically mentioned in State Law as being off limits to those with a Permit/License to Carry. If you are in a place not specifically mentioned in the law that is posted and they ask you to leave, you must leave. If you refuse to leave then you are breaking the law and can be charged. Even if the property is not posted and you are asked to leave you must leave. Always be aware of the possibility that responding Police Officers who may have been called without your knowledge and may not know the laws on trespass etc. could arrest you even if you are within the law.

Parking Lot Storage Law

237.106 Right of Employees and Other Persons to Possess Firearms in Vehicle -- Employer Liable for Denying Right -- Exceptions.

- (1) No person, including but not limited to an employer, who is the owner, lessee, or occupant of real property shall prohibit any person who is legally entitled to possess a firearm from possessing a firearm, part of a firearm, ammunition, or ammunition component in a vehicle on the property.

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

Carry Allowed in these Areas:

State Parks: YES KY St Park Regs.

State/National Forests: YES

WMA's: YES 01 KAR 3:010.

Road Side Rest Areas: YES

RV/Car Carry Without A Permit/License

527.020 Carrying Concealed Deadly Weapon.

- (8) A loaded or unloaded firearm or other deadly weapon shall not be deemed concealed on or about the person if it is located in any enclosed container, compartment, or storage space [regularly] installed as original equipment in a motor vehicle by its manufacturer, including but not limited to a glove compartment, center console, or seat pocket, regardless of whether said enclosed container, storage space, or compartment is locked, unlocked, or does not have a locking mechanism. No person or organization, public or private, shall prohibit a person from keeping a loaded or unloaded firearm or ammunition, or both, or other deadly weapon in a vehicle in accordance with the provisions of this subsection. Any attempt by a person or organization, public or private, to violate the provisions of this subsection may be the subject of an action for appropriate relief or for damages in a Circuit Court or District Court of competent jurisdiction. This subsection shall not apply to any person prohibited from possessing a firearm pursuant to KRS 527.040.

State Preemption

65.870 Local Firearms Control Ordinances Prohibited.

No City, County, Urban-County Government may occupy any part of the field of regulations of the transfer, ownership, possession, carrying, or transportation of firearms, ammunition or components of firearms or combinations thereof.

Effective: July 13, 1984

History: Created 1984 Ky. Acts ch. 42, sec 1, effective July 13, 1984

Deadly Force Laws

Title L – Kentucky Penal Code

Chapter 503 General Principles of Justification

503.010 Definitions for chapter.

503.020 Justification -- A defense.

503.030 Choice of evils.

503.040 Execution of public duty.

503.050 Use of physical force in self-protection -- Admissibility of evidence of prior acts of domestic violence and abuse.

503.060 Improper use of physical force in self-protection.

503.070 Protection of another.

503.080 Protection of property.

503.090 Use of physical force in law enforcement.

503.100 Prevention of a suicide or crime.

503.110 Use of force by person with responsibility for care, discipline, or safety of others.

503.120 Justification -- General provisions.

Knife Laws State/Cities

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

Carry in Restaurants That Serve Alcohol

YES

Note: A “YES” above means you can carry into places like described below. “NO” means you can't. Handgunlaw.us definition of “Restaurant Carry” is carry in a restaurant that serves alcohol. Places like Friday's. Chili's or Red Lobster. This may or may not mean the bar or the bar area of a restaurant. But you can carry your firearm into a restaurant that serves alcohol and sit and eat without consuming. Handgunlaw.us recommends you not sit at the Bar or in the Bar area of such restaurants. In some states it is illegal to be in the Bar area of such restaurants. 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. If you want further info on carrying in places that serve alcohol check your state laws.

Chemical Sprays/Stun Gun/Higher Capacity Magazine Laws

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

LEOSA State Information

[Kentucky LEOSA Info](#) (Scroll to bottom of page)

[Kentucky LEOSA Info 2](#)

[Kentucky LEOSA Info 3](#)

Attorney General Opinions/Court Cases

- [Kentucky AG - Carry In City Parks and Buildings](#)
- [Kentucky AG - Preemption of City Regs on CCW](#)
- [Kentucky AG - Carry in County Courts/Buildings](#)
- [Kentucky AG - Prohibiting Carry on State Property](#)
- [Kentucky AG - Carry on a College Campus](#)
- [Kentucky AG - Cities of the First Class Registering Firearms](#)

Airport Carry/Misc. Information

Airport Carry: Parking Lots and Terminal OK. 237.11

Training Valid for: No Set Time Period

Time Period to Establish Residency: 6 Months

Minimum Age for Permit/License: 21

Permit/License Info Public Information: NO

State Fire arm Laws: 237.020 thru 237.990

State Deadly Force Laws: 503.010 thru 503.120

State Knife Laws: 500.08

Chemical/Electric Weapons Laws: No Laws found.

Body Armor Laws: No laws found.

Does Your Permit Cover Other Weapons Besides Firearms? YES 237.110

Is carrying of a Concealed Firearm with Permit/License for Defensive Purposes Only While Hunting Legal? Yes KY Hunting and Trapping Guide

Permit/License Image

I have been told the back of the KY License is Blank.



This image has been digitally assembled from 2 or more images. It may not be 100% accurate but gives a good representation of the actual Permit/License.

Notes

What Does KY Consider A Loaded Firearm?

[237.060](#) Definitions for KRS 237.060 to 237.090 and Certain Other Sections.

(4) "Loaded" with respect to a firearm means:

- (a) There is ammunition in the chamber of the firearm; or
- (b) There is ammunition in the cylinder of the firearm; or
- (c) There is ammunition in the magazine of a firearm, if the magazine is attached to the firearm.

Updates to this Page

2/22/09 – LEOSA Info #2 Added

8/20/09 – All Links checked and updated if needed.

8/31/09 – NE Now honors a KY Permit.

11/24/09 – Places off limits updated with Fair board Buildings and Stadiums Info.

3/8/10 – Error. Added item to wrong state page. Removed

5/25/10 – Land Between The Lakes info Added to Places Off Limits

8/10/10 – LEOSA Link Added. Links Checked and broken links repaired.

1/1/11 – IA Now Honors KY. Notes Section Added. Permit/License Image Added.

3/18/11 – RV/Car Carry Sec updated with new law allowing carrying in more places than just Glove Compartment.

4/5/11 – LBL Reg Link Repaired. All Links Checked.

4/6/11 – RV/Car Carry. Note added about new law not effective till 6/16/11.

4/17/11 – Information about carrying while hunting added.

5/27/11 – Carrying your concealed firearm with a Permit/License while hunting changed from Yes? to YES.

7/1/11 – Nevada Now Honors KY Permit/License.

9/9/11 – All Links Checked and Repaired if Needed. Link to Application Removed. No Longer available.

9/23/11 – KY will issue a permit to Military Personnel who are stationed in KY and have been for 6 months.

11/1/11 – WI Added as State That Honors KY.

12/8/11 Firearms on TVA Property Information added.