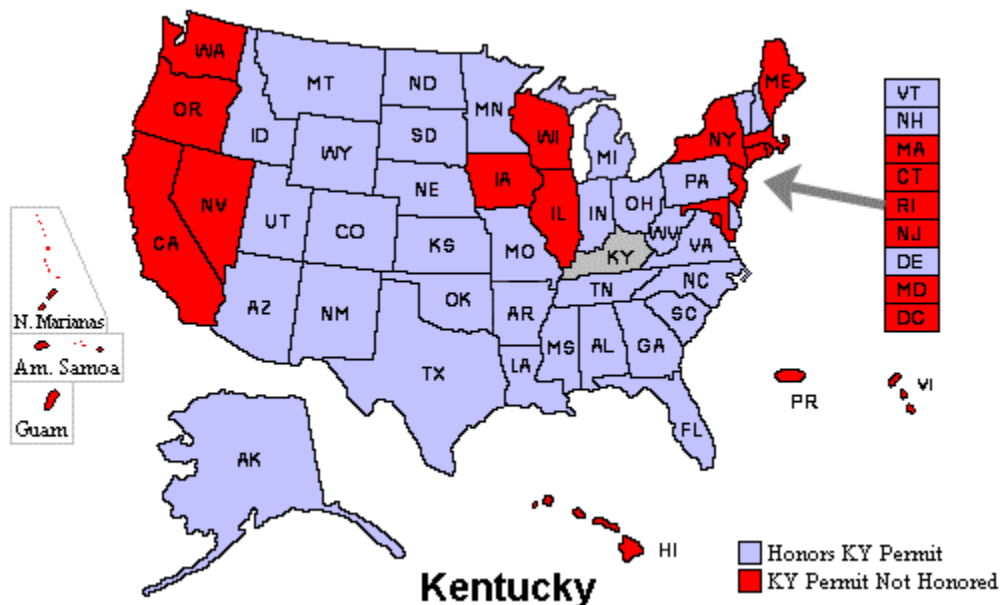


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Shall Issue

Must Inform Officer: **NO**



Links

[State CCW Site](#)

[CCW Pamphlet](#)

[CCW Application](#)

[State FAO 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

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 does not issue Non-Resident Permits.

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 employer'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.

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: **Unknown**

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.

Note: Must be in Glove Box

(8) A firearm or other deadly weapon shall not be deemed concealed on or about the person if it is located in a glove compartment, regularly installed in a motor vehicle by its manufacturer, regardless of whether said 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 firearm or ammunition, or both, or other deadly weapon in a glove compartment of 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.

9/21/06 KY Supreme Court ruled that the console in a vehicle is not the same as the Glove Compartment. They ruled a Glove Compartment is installed in the dash of a vehicle.

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: 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 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](#)

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

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.