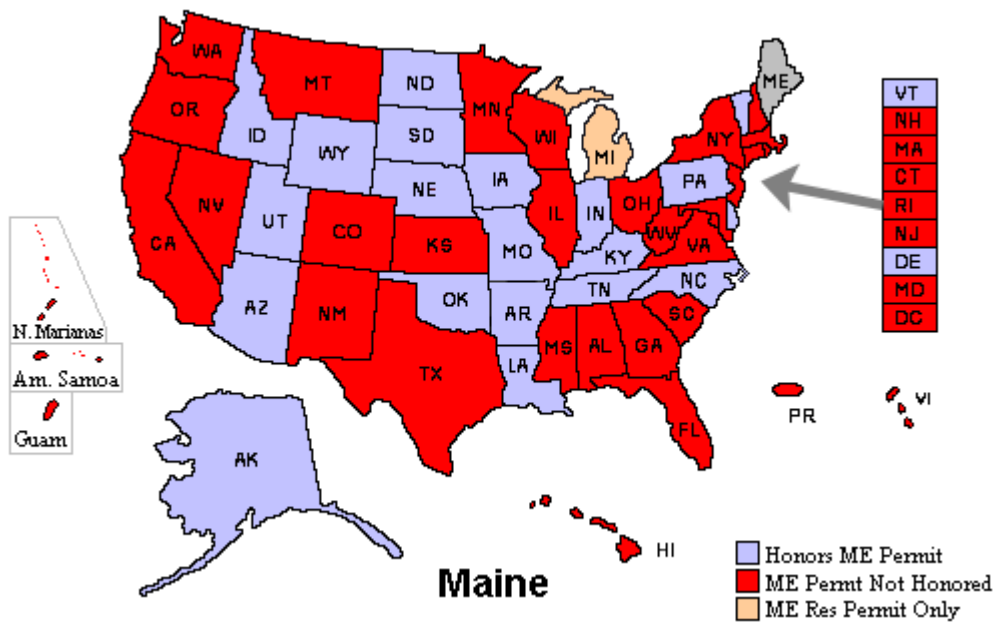


Maine

Shall Issue

Must Inform Officer: **NO**



Links

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

Arkansas Delaware Louisiana Michigan North Dakota
Pennsylvania South Dakota Wyoming

Maine is stating it will only honor permits from residents of the states it honors.

How to Apply for A Permit

Please review the copy of the CCW Pamphlet “Laws Relating to permits to Carry Concealed Firearms”. Please complete and return this entire package with the following items:

- Application for Permit to Carry Concealed Firearms.
- Two Authority to Release Information Forms (pages 9 & 10)
- Fee of \$35.00 for new applicants (If you are renewing and your permit expired over six months ago, you are considered a new applicant at the \$35.00 fee.), or a fee of \$20.00 for a renewal, or a fee of \$2.00 for a duplicate or a change of address made payable to: Treasurer, State of Maine.
- Copies of all concealed firearm permits issued by other states or municipalities within this state.
- A copy of your DD-214 form if you were a member of the Armed Forces of the United States.
- A copy of your birth certificate or INS document.
- Must submit one color passport photos (2”X 2”) with your application Proof of knowledge of handgun safety. Please see page 6 paragraph (5) of “Laws Relating to Permits to Carry Concealed Firearms”.

If this is a renewal of a permit issued by the Maine State Police and you have previously submitted your military discharge, birth certificate or proof of knowledge of handgun safety, you are not required to submit these materials again. Please note that original copies of requested materials will not be returned. It will take approximately thirty days to process your application.

See State CCW Pamphlet for more information

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Non-Resident Permits

Non Resident Permit Application & Instructions

Please review the copy of the booklet “Laws Relating to permits to Carry Concealed Firearms”. Please complete and return this entire package with the following items:

- Application for Permit to Carry Concealed Firearms
- Two Authority to Release Information Forms (pages 9 & 10)
- Fee of \$60.00, or a fee of \$2.00 for duplicate or changes of address made payable to: Treasurer, State of Maine.
- Copies of all concealed firearm permits issued by other states or jurisdictions.
- A copy of your DD-214 form if you were a member of the Armed Forces of the United States.
- A copy of your birth certificate or INS document.
- Must submit one color passport photos (2”X 2”) with your application.
- Proof of knowledge of handgun safety. Please see page 6 paragraph (5) of “Laws Relating to Permits to Carry Concealed Firearms”.

If this is a renewal of a permit issued by the Maine State Police and you have previously submitted our military discharge, birth certificate or proof of knowledge of handgun safety, you are not required to submit these materials again. Please note that original copies of requested materials will not be returned. It will take approximately sixty days to process your application.

Places Off-Limits Even With A Permit/License

- A person is guilty of criminal possession of a firearm if the person possesses any firearm on the premises of a licensed establishment for on-premises consumption of liquor and is posted to prohibit or restrict the possession of firearms in a manner reasonably likely to come to the attention of patrons... [\(Title 17A Chapter 43 §1057\)](#)
- A person may not possess a firearm on public school property or discharge a firearm within 500 feet of school property. [\(Title 20A Chapter 223 §6552\)](#)
- It is a crime for any person, including, but not limited to, security guards and persons involved in a labor dispute or strike, to be armed with a dangerous weapon, at the site of a labor dispute or strike. [\(Title 32 Chapter 93 §9412\)](#)
- All persons are prohibited from entering any court facility, including any courtroom, or any other area or building within the control or supervision of the Maine Judicial Branch, if armed with a firearm, other dangerous weapon or while in possession of a disabling chemical. [\(Administrative Order JB-05-9\)](#)
- Any place where federal law prohibits the carrying of firearms

16 Department of Public Safety **633 Gambling Control Board** [Chapter 16: Weapons](#)

The following rules govern possession of weapons in a licensed slot machine facility. “Weapons” include but are not limited to any firearm, taser, stun gun, sling shot, knuckles, bowie knife, dirk, stiletto or other dangerous or deadly weapon usually employed in the attack on or defense of a person.

State Admin Rules 16-219 Department Of Public Safety

Bureau of Capitol Security

2 F. No person, except a police officer on duty, shall carry firearms, dangerous weapons, explosives, incendiary devices, or implements which by their nature are capable of being used to destroy or injure a person or property in the Capitol Area.

1. Definitions as used to describe Capitol Area.

The following words and phrases, when used in these regulations, shall have the following meanings, unless a different meaning is plainly required by the context:

A. "Capitol Area" when used in these regulations shall mean the land, building, personal property and facilities owned, leased, occupied, used or possessed by the State in or at:

- (1) The Capitol Area described in I M.R.S.A., Section 814, and
- (2) The District Court Building on State Street, and
- (3) The State Police Barracks and Garage on Hospital Street, and
- (4) Blaine House Complex, and
- (5) Blaine Memorial, and
- (6) The Augusta Mental Health Institute Complex, and
- (7) Any Other State Controlled Locations, Whether Its Owned, Leased, Or Just Used By The State Within The City Limits Of Augusta, Maine.

Carrying Concealed Firearms: A permit is required to carry a concealed firearm in Maine, except that licensed hunters and trappers are exempt while engaged in these activities; the latter provision does not authorize the carrying of a concealed or loaded firearm in a motor vehicle. Some town offices or city halls issue these permits to residents. If not, contact Maine State Police. Non-residents may obtain concealed weapons permits from the chief of the Maine State Police: (207) 624-7210.

Loaded Firearms in Motor Vehicles: It is unlawful to have a loaded firearm or crossbow in or on a motor vehicle (including trailer, ATV, aircraft, snowmobile, or railway car). A loaded clip may be carried in a motor vehicle, but it must not be inserted in a firearm. Persons who hold a Maine concealed firearms permit may carry a loaded pistol or revolver in a motor vehicle. **Firearms may be transported in a motor vehicle without a concealed firearms permit provided they are (1) unloaded and in plain view, or (2) are unloaded and placed in a remote secure area (such as a locked trunk) away from the control of the occupants of the motor vehicle.** For purposes of this law, a muzzle-loading firearm is considered to be loaded only if charged with powder, lead and a primed ignition device or mechanism.

Baxter State Park (Off Limits to Permit Holders)

3. Hunting, Trapping and Fishing

3.1. **Hunting and trapping** are prohibited within the Park. Use or possession of any firearm, bow and arrow, sling shot, or air rifle or pistol is prohibited. Firearms may be transported through the Park if kept in a car trunk, enclosed in a case or otherwise inaccessible to use.

Note: The language in LD 1347 is specific in referring to lands administered by the Maine Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands (BPL). Baxter State park is an administratively and financially independent State agency administered solely by the Baxter State Park Authority and consequently, it does not fall under the jurisdiction of LD 1347.

Other Illegal Areas: Firearms or crossbows may not be carried on game preserves.

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

“YES”

Title 17-A: Part 2 Chapter 17: B

§402. Criminal trespass

1. A person is guilty of criminal trespass if, knowing that that person is not licensed or privileged to do so, that person:
 - C. Enters any place from which that person may lawfully be excluded and that is posted in accordance with subsection 4 or in a manner reasonably likely to come to the attention of intruders or that is fenced or otherwise enclosed in a manner designed to exclude intruders. Violation of this paragraph is a Class E crime; [2001, c. 383, §156 (AFF); 2001, c. 383, §56 (AMD).]
4. For the purposes of subsection 1, paragraph C, property is posted if it is marked with signs or paint in compliance with this subsection. Proof that any posted sign or paint marking is actually seen by an intruder gives rise to a permissible inference under the Maine Rules of Evidence, Rule 303 that such posted sign or paint marking is posted in a manner reasonably likely to come to the attention of intruders.

17-A M.R.S.A. § 1057, Possession of firearms in an establishment licensed for onpremises consumption of liquor

1. A person is guilty of criminal possession of a firearm if:
 - A. Not being a law enforcement officer or a private investigator licensed under Title 32, chapter 89 and actually performing as a private investigator, the person possesses any firearm on the premises of a licensed establishment posted to prohibit or restrict the possession of firearms in a manner reasonably likely to come to the attention of patrons, in violation of the posted prohibition or restriction
 - B. A person convicted of a violation of this section is not eligible to obtain or apply for a permit to carry a concealed firearm for 5 years from the date of that conviction.

Parking Lot Storage Law

26 MRSA §600

§600 Concealed firearms in vehicles

Firearms in vehicles. An employer or an agent of an employer may not prohibit an employee who has a valid permit to carry a concealed firearm under Title 25, chapter 252 from keeping a firearm in the employee's vehicle as long as the vehicle is locked and the firearm is not visible. This subsection does not authorize an employee to carry a firearm in a place where carrying a firearm is prohibited by law.

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

Carry Allowed in these Areas:

State Parks: **YES** **Buildings OK** **12 MRSA §1803, sub-§7)** (See Places Off Limits For info on Baxter St. Park)

State/National Forests: **YES** **Per DIF&W**

WMA's, Game Preserves: **NO**

Road Side Rest Areas: **YES** **per MSP**

RV/Car Carry Without A Permit/License

You can not a carry a loaded firearm in any vehicle without a Valid Permit/License to Carry.

Maine has no law about transporting an unload firearm in a vehicle. The law states you can't carry it concealed or loaded. So it can be carried unload and not concealed. What is concealed? Different states have ruled differently on what is concealed or not. Use caution. I would carry it in some type of container that encloses the firearm but not in the Glove Box or Console.

State Preemption

Title 25: Part 5: Chapter 252-A

§2011. State Preemption

- 1. Preemption.** The State intends to occupy and preempt the entire field of legislation concerning the regulation of firearms, components, ammunition and supplies. Except as provided in subsection 3, any existing or future order, ordinance, rule or regulation in this field of any political subdivision of the State is void. [1989, c. 359 (new).]
- 2. Regulation restricted.** Except as provided in subsection 3, no political subdivision of the State, including, but not limited to, municipalities, counties, townships and village corporations, may adopt any order, ordinance, rule or regulation concerning the sale, purchase, purchase delay, transfer, ownership, use, possession, bearing, transportation, licensing, permitting, registration, taxation or any other matter pertaining to firearms, components, ammunition or supplies. [1989, c. 359 (new).]
- 3. Exception.** This section does not prohibit an order, ordinance, rule or regulation of any political subdivision which, with the exception of appropriate civil penalty provisions, conforms exactly with any applicable provision of state law or which regulates the discharge of firearms within a jurisdiction. [1989, c. 359 (new).]
- 4. Law enforcement agency.** Nothing in this section limits the power of any law enforcement agency to regulate the type and use of firearms issued or authorized by that agency for use by its employees. For the

purposes of this section "law enforcement agency" has the same meaning as set forth in section 3701. [1989, c. 502, Pt. D, §19 (new).]

Section History:

PL 1989, Ch. 359, § (NEW).

PL 1989, Ch. 502, §D19 (AMD)

Deadly Force Laws

Title 17-A: Maine Criminal Code

Part 1: General Principles

Chapter 5: Defenses and Affirmative Defenses; Justification

§101. General rules for defenses and affirmative defenses; justification

§102. Public duty

§102-A. Military orders

§103. Competing harms

§103-A. Duress

§103-B. Involuntary conduct

§104. Use of force in defense of premises

§105. Use of force in property offenses

§106. Physical force by persons with special responsibilities

§107. Physical force in law enforcement

§108. Physical force in defense of a person

§109. Consent

§110. Threat to use deadly force against a law enforcement officer

Knife Laws State/Cities

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

Carry in Restaurants That Serve Alcohol

YES If Not Posted

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 Maine Law concerning Chemical Sprays, Stun Guns Or Higher Capacity Magazine Bans.

LEOSA State Information

No Information Available. Check out the LEOSA Information on the [USA Page](#) at Handgunlaw.us

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.

Airport Carry/Misc. Information

Airport Carry: No laws found.

Training Valid for: 5 years before applying.

Time Period to Establish Residency: 3 Months

Minimum Age for Permit/License: 18

Permit/License Info Public Information: YES

State Fire arm Laws: 25-252 thru 25-254

State Deadly Force Laws: 17A-5-102 thru 17A-5-110

State Knife Laws: 25-252-2001 & 17A-43-1055

Chemical/Electric Weapons Laws: 17A-41-1002

Body Armor Laws: 17-41-1004

Does Your Permit Cover Other Weapons Besides Firearms? NO §2003

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

Notes

What Does ME Consider A Loaded Firearm?

[§11212](#). Motor Vehicles and Motorboats

1. Prohibition. The following provisions apply to shooting from a motor vehicle or motorboat or possessing a loaded firearm or a crossbow in a motor vehicle.


B. A person may not, while in or on a motor vehicle or in or on a trailer or other type of vehicle being hauled by a motor vehicle, have a cocked and armed crossbow or a firearm with a cartridge or shell in the chamber or in an attached magazine, clip or cylinder or a muzzle-loading firearm charged with powder, lead and a primed ignition device or mechanism, except that a person who has a valid Maine permit to carry a concealed weapon may have in or on a motor vehicle or trailer a loaded pistol or revolver covered by that permit. [2005, c. 477, §9 (AMD).]

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2. Penalty. A person who violates subsection 1 commits a Class E crime.
 [2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §143 (NEW); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF) .]

Permit/License Image

I was told by a Maine Resident that the state issued permit for both Residents and Non-Residents is the same format. Your photo is on the back. I was also told that local Issuing Authorities do use different formats.

		STATE OF MAINE NON-RESIDENT PERMIT TO CARRY CONCEALED FIREARMS		PERMIT NUMBER 0200227
DATE ISSUED	DATE EXPIRES	DATE OF BIRTH		
11/16/2010	11/16/2014	11/16/1988		
EYES	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	SEX	RACE
BLU	5'10"	190	M	W
Gary J. Slider 455 Maple Ave. New Martinsville, WV 26155				
<i>Colonel Patrick F. Reilly</i> CHIEF OF THE MAINE STATE POLICE (207) 624-72100		This permit does not authorize the holder to possess a firearm in violation of any applicable state or federal law, or within the State of Maine where possession is prohibited.		
		SIGNATURE OF PERMIT HOLDER <i>Gary J. Slider</i>		

Local Authority Issued Resident Permit

STATE OF MAINE RESIDENT PERMIT TO CARRY CONCEALED FIREARMS						
DATE OF ISSUE	DATE OF EXPIRATION	PERMIT NO				
11 / 16 / 2011	11 / 16 / 2015	Nº 23714				
NAME LAST		FIRST	MID			
SLIDER		GARY	JAY			
STREET or RFD		CITY OR TOWN	ZIP			
455 MAPLE AVE.		SACO	04072			
DATE OF BIRTH	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	EYES	HAIR	SEX	RACE
11 / 16 / 1987	FT. 5 IN 10	190 LBS.	BLU	BRN	M	W
FOLD ON THIS LINE						
SIGNATURE OF PERMIT HOLDER						
<i>Gary J. Slider</i>						
NAME OF ISSUING AUTHORITY						
Staci A. Standiford, Chief of Police						
SIGNATURE OF ISSUING AUTHORITY						
<i>Staci A. Standiford</i>						
ADDRESS OF ISSUING AUTHORITY						
Saco Police Department						
20 Storer St.			282-8214			

These image have been digitally assembled. They may not be 100% accurate but gives a good representation of the actual Permit/License.

Updates to this Page

- 3/31/09 – ME and DE Sign Reciprocity Agreement
- 5/27/09 – ME and SD Sign Reciprocity Agreement
- 6/30/09 – ME and LA Sign Reciprocity Agreement.
- 8/20/09 – All Links checked and updated if needed
- 8/31/09 - NE now honors a Maine Permit.
- 11/19/09 – Places off Limits updated with Capitol Area Restrictions.
- 12/23/09 - State CCW FAQ Link Added. (This is a word Doc on the Main Gov Site)
- 1/23/10 - Broken links repaired.
- 3/15/10 – Broken Links Repaired.
- 4/30/10 – Training valid for period updated.
- 5/24/10 – Witness Signature no longer required on Resident and Non Resident Form. Item Removed.
- 6/16/10 – Maine signs reciprocity agreements with ND and WY.

6/22/10 – Maine and Arkansas now have Reciprocity.
8/11/10 – All Links checked.
8/29/10 – Casinos added as place off limits.
1/1/11 – IA Now Honors ME. Notes Section Added. Permit/License Image Added
1/10/11 – Places Off Limits. Places that alcohol is served wording updated to be easier to understand.
1/14/11 – Permit/License Image Updated.
3/25/11 – Local Issued Resident Permit Image Added.
4/17/11 – Information about carrying while hunting added.
4/22/11 –State Park Carry Additional Info Added. Yes and No
6/22/11- Parking Lot Storage Law and State Park Carry Added. (New Laws)
9/9/11 – All Links Checked and Repaired if Needed.
9/30/11 – Law on Carrying in Places that are Posted and Serve Alcohol Added to No Gun Sign Section. Baxter St Park Information in Places Off Limit Updated.
11/9/11 – Michigan and Maine have signed a Reciprocity Agreement.
11/18/11 – Pennsylvania and Maine have signed a Reciprocity Agreement.
12/1/11 – North Carolina Now Honors ME.
12/13/11 – Time period to establish residency updated.
1/27/12 - Carry in Restaurant Section Updated.