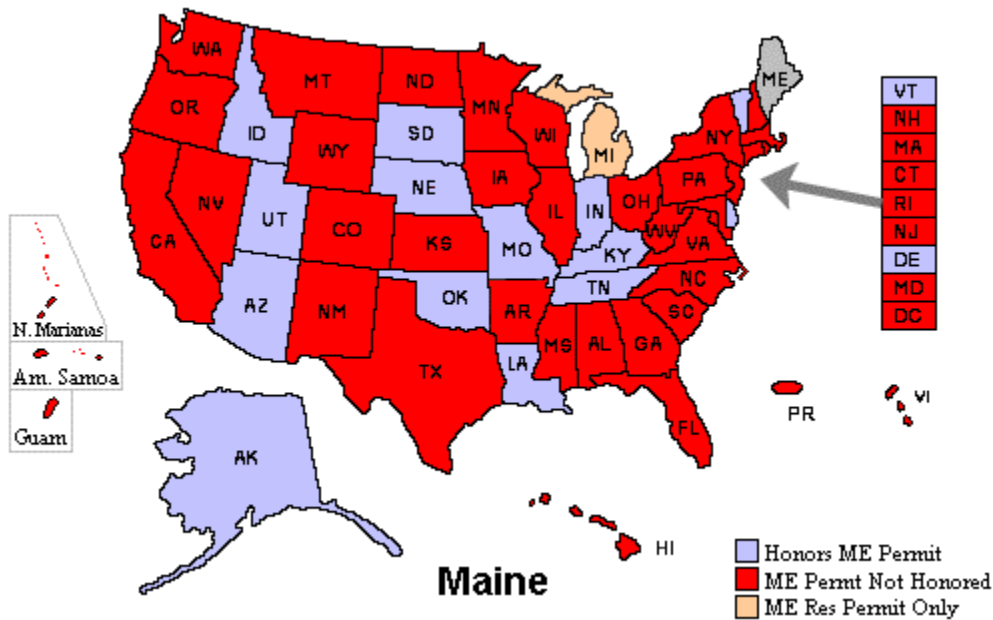


Maine

Shall Issue

Must Inform Officer: **NO**



Links

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

Delaware Louisiana South Dakota

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)
- A witness signature (someone over 18) is required on page 10 with matching dates.
- 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 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 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)
- A witness signature (someone over 18) is required on page 10 with matching dates.
- 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 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

[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.

It is Illegal to:

Discharge a firearm or crossbow within 100 yards of a residential dwelling or a farm building used for sheltering livestock, machines, or harvested crops without permission of the owner, or in the owners absence, an adult occupant who dwells in that location.

Possess firearm or crossbow on public school property or discharge a firearm or crossbow within 500 feet of school property.

Other Illegal Areas: Firearms or crossbows may not be carried on game preserves. Firearms must be in a case or stored in the trunk of a car when transported through Baxter State Park.

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

Carry Allowed in these Areas:

State Parks: YES Per DIF&W No Carry in Baxter State Park.

State/National Forests: YES Per DIF&W

WMA's: NO

Road Side Rest Areas: YES per MSP

RV/Car Carry Without A Permit/License

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

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

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

LEOSA State Information

No 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.

Airport Carry/Misc. Information

Airport Carry: No laws found.

Training Valid for: No Set Time Period

Time Period to Establish Residency: Upon obtaining a Maine Drivers License or State ID.

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

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)