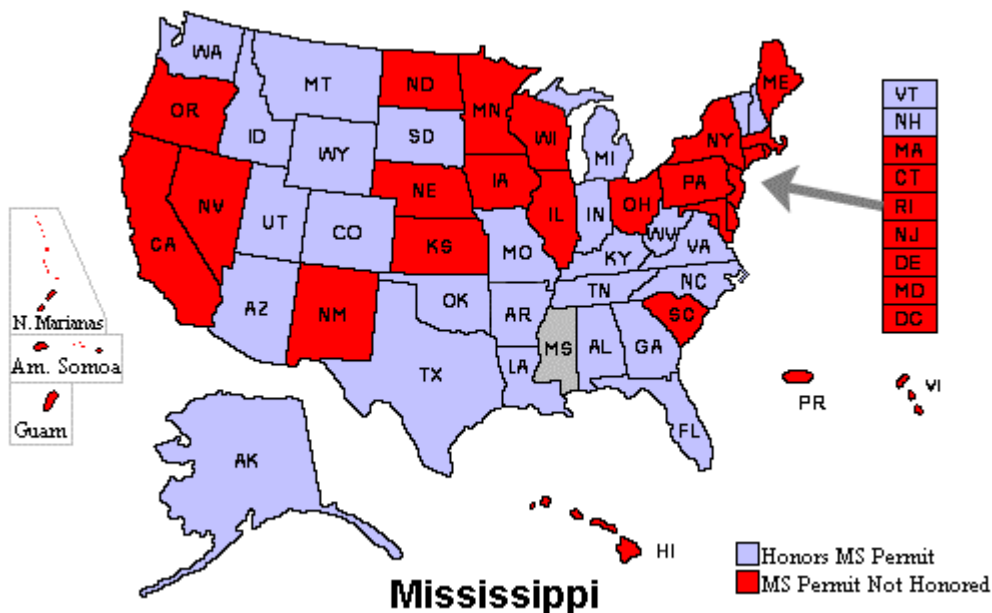


# Mississippi

Shall Issue

Must Inform Officer: **NO**



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## Permits/Licenses This State Honors

Alabama	Alaska	Arizona	Arkansas	Colorado
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## Mississippi Honors Non-Resident Permits/Licenses

### How to Apply for A Permit

1. All parts of the application must be filled out. Failure to completely fill out this application may result in the denial of the application.
2. Once the application is completed and notarized, the individual making the application must bring it to the Department of Public Safety Headquarters in Jackson, or a Mississippi Highway Patrol District Substation in Greenwood, Batesville, New Albany, Starkville, Meridian, Hattiesburg, Biloxi or Brookhaven and be fingerprinted at that time.
3. The applicant must present two other forms of identification when returning the application. One must be a photo identification, either Mississippi driver's license or Mississippi identification card. The second may be:
  - (1) Social Security Card
  - (2) Birth Certificate
  - (3) Marriage License
  - (4) Divorce Decree
  - (5) Military Discharge (DD214)
  - (6) Military Identification Card
  - (7) Passport
  - (8) W-2 Form
  - (9) Other Official Government Identification
4. The applicant must have a photograph attached to the application. The photograph should form a pose straight forward and should not drop below the level of the breast-line. The photograph may be black and white or color, but must be of such quality as to make all facial features readily discernible.

5. The fee for an individual firearm permit is one hundred dollars (\$100), plus all costs for processing of fingerprints which is thirty-two dollars (\$32), for a total of one hundred thirty-two dollars (\$132), nonrefundable. This fee may be paid in any one of the following methods: (A) CASH; (B) Cashier's Check; (C) Money Order. Cashier's check or money order should be made payable to the Department of Public Safety.

6. Retired law enforcement officers must have the "Retired Law Enforcement Officer Only" affidavit filled out and notarized. There must also be attached to this application

## Non-Resident Permits

Mississippi does not issue Non-Resident Permit/Licenses.

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

### SEC. 45-9-101

- Any police, sheriff or highway patrol station; any detention facility, prison or jail.
- Any courthouse; any courtroom, except that nothing in this section shall preclude a judge from carrying a concealed weapon or determining who will carry a concealed weapon in his courtroom;
- Any polling place; any meeting place of the governing body of any governmental entity; any meeting of the Legislature or a committee thereof.
- Any public park unless for the purpose of participating in any authorized firearms-related activity;
- Any school, college or professional athletic event not related to firearms;
- Any portion of an establishment, licensed to dispense alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises, that is primarily devoted to dispensing alcoholic beverages; any portion of an establishment in which beer or light wine is consumed on the premises, that is primarily devoted to such purpose;
- Any elementary or secondary school facility; any junior college, community college, college or university facility unless for the purpose of participating in any authorized firearms-related activity;
- Inside the passenger terminal of any airport, except that no person shall be prohibited from carrying any legal firearm into the terminal if the firearm is encased for shipment, for purposes of checking such firearm as baggage to be lawfully transported on any aircraft;
- Any church or other place of worship;
- Or any place where the carrying of firearms is prohibited by federal law.
- In addition to the places enumerated in this subsection, the carrying of a concealed pistol or revolver may be disallowed in anyplace in the discretion of the person or entity exercising control over the physical location of such place by the placing of a written notice clearly readable at a distance of not less than ten (10) feet that the "carrying of a pistol or revolver is prohibited."
- No license issued pursuant to this section shall authorize the participants in a parade or demonstration for which a permit is required to carry a concealed pistol or revolver

**§ 45-9-55. Employer not permitted to prohibit transportation or storage of firearms on employer property; exceptions; certain immunity for employer.**

(1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) of this section, a public or private employer may not establish, maintain, or enforce any policy or rule that has the effect of prohibiting a person from transporting or storing a firearm in a locked vehicle in any parking lot, parking garage, or other designated parking area.

(2) A private employer may prohibit an employee from transporting or storing a firearm in a vehicle in a parking lot, parking garage, or other parking area the employer provides for employees to which access is restricted or limited through the use of a gate, security station or other means of restricting or limiting general public access onto the property.

(3) This section shall not apply to vehicles owned or leased by an employer and used by the employee in the course of his business.

(4) This section does not authorize a person to transport or store a firearm on any premises where the possession of a firearm is prohibited by state or federal law.

(5) A public or private employer shall not be liable in a civil action for damages resulting from or arising out of an occurrence involving the transportation, storage, possession or use of a firearm covered by this section.

Sources: Laws, 2006, ch. 450, § 2, eff from and after July 1, 2006.

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

### Carry Allowed in these Areas:

**State Parks: NO Sec. 45-9-101.**

**State/National Forests: Unknown**

**WMA's: Unknown**

**Road Side Rest Areas: YES If Not Posted**

## RV/Car Carry Without A Permit/License

**SEC. 97-37-1.** Deadly weapons; carrying while concealed; use or attempt to use; penalties.

(2) It shall not be a violation of this section for any person over the age of eighteen (18) years to carry a firearm or deadly weapon concealed in whole or in part within the confines of his own home or his place of business, or any real property associated with his home or business or within any motor vehicle.

## State Preemption

**SEC. 45-9-51.** Prohibition against adoption of certain ordinances.

Subject to the provisions of Section 45-9-53, no county or municipality may adopt any ordinance that restricts or requires the possession, transportation, sale, transfer or ownership of firearms or ammunition or their components.

Sources: Laws, 1986, ch. 471, § 1, eff from and after passage (approved April 14, 1986).

**§ 45-9-53.** Exceptions.

**(1)** This section and Section 45-9-51 do not affect the authority that a county or municipality may have under another law:

**(a)** To require citizens or public employees to be armed for personal or national defense, law enforcement, or another lawful purpose;

**(b)** To regulate the discharge of firearms within the limits of the county or municipality. A county or municipality may not apply a regulation relating to the discharge of firearms or other weapons in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the county or municipality or in an area annexed by the county or municipality after September 1, 1981, if the firearm or other weapon is:

**(i)** A shotgun, air rifle or air pistol, BB gun or bow and arrow discharged:

**1.** On a tract of land of ten (10) acres or more and more than one hundred fifty (150) feet from a residence or occupied building located on another property; and

**2.** In a manner not reasonably expected to cause a projectile to cross the boundary of the tract; or

**(ii)** A center fire or rim fire rifle or pistol or a muzzle-loading rifle or pistol of any caliber discharged:

**1.** On a tract of land of fifty (50) acres or more and more than three hundred (300) feet from a residence or occupied building located on another property; and

**2.** In a manner not reasonably expected to cause a projectile to cross the boundary of tract;

**(c)** To regulate the use of property or location of businesses for uses therein pursuant to fire code, zoning ordinances, or land-use regulations, so long as such codes, ordinances and regulations are not used to circumvent the intent of Section 45-9-51 or subparagraph (e) of this section;

**(d)** To regulate the use of firearms in cases of insurrection, riots and natural disasters in which the city finds such regulation necessary to protect the health and safety of the public. However, the provisions of this section shall not apply to the lawful possession of firearms in the home, place of business or in transit to and from the home or place of business;

**(e)** To regulate the storage or transportation of explosives in order to protect the health and safety of the public, with the exception of black powder which is exempt up to twenty-five (25) pounds per private residence and fifty (50) pounds per retail dealer;

**(f)** To regulate the carrying of a firearm at: (i) a public park or at a public meeting of a county, municipality or other governmental body; (ii) a political rally, parade or official political meeting; or (iii) a nonfirearm-related school, college or professional athletic event; or

**(g)** To regulate the receipt of firearms by pawnshops.

**(2)** The exception provided by subsection (1) (f) of this section does not apply if the firearm was in or carried to and from an area designated for use in a lawful hunting, fishing or other sporting event and the firearm is of the type commonly used in the activity.

Sources: Laws, 1986, ch. 471, § 2; Laws, 2006, ch. 450, § 1, eff from and after July 1, 2006.

## Deadly Force Laws

§ 97-3-15 Homicide; Justifiable Homicide.

## 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

§ 45-9-101 Must be licensed to carry a stun gun.

## LEOSA State Information

No LEOSA Info Available.

## Attorney General Opinions/Court Cases

- [Mississippi AG - Students and Firearm in Car on School Grounds](#)
- [Mississippi AG - Are Knives Deadly Weapons? Concealed?](#)
- [Mississippi AG - Carry in Vehicle Without Permit](#)
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## Airport Carry/Misc. Information

**Airport Carry:** Not inside the Terminal SEC. 45-9-101

**Training Valid for:** No set time period.

**Time Period to Establish Residency:** 12 Months

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

**Permit/License Info Public Information:** NO

**State Fire arm Laws:** 45-9-31 thru 45-9-151 & 97-37-1 thru 97-37-37

**State Deadly Force Laws: 97-3-15**

**State Knife Laws: 97-37-1 / 37-5 / 37-7 & 97-37-17 / 37-19**

**Chemical/Electric Weapons Laws: Unknown**

**Body Armor Laws: Unknown**

**Does Your Permit Cover Other Weapons Besides Firearms? NO 45-9-101**

## Updates to this Page

**8/21/09** – All links checked and repaired if needed.

**9/25/09** - Parking Lot Storage info added to Off Limits Section