

# New Hampshire

Shall Issue

Must Inform Officer: **NO**

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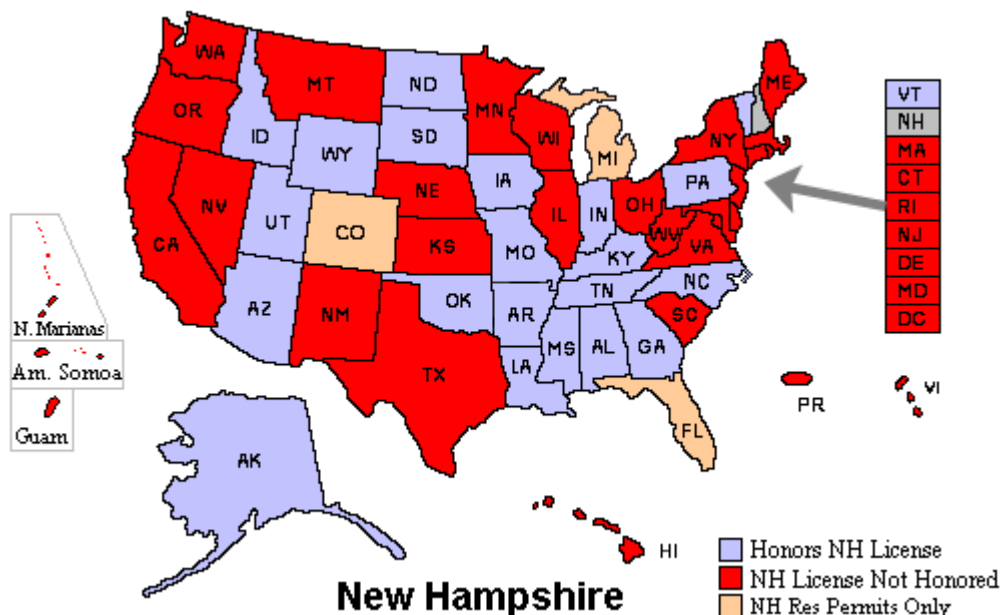
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## Permits/Licenses This State Honors

Alabama	Alaska	Arizona	Arkansas	Colorado
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**New Hampshire Does Not Honor Non-Resident Permits/Licenses. You must be a resident of the state they honor for your permit to be valid in New Hampshire.**

## How to Apply for A Permit

Local Police/Sheriff issue resident permits. Contact them for forms or print one from online. Take it to your Police/Sheriff along with your State Photo Drivers License/ID. The process is simple and straight forward. Cost is \$10 and the License/Permit is valid for 4 years.

## Non-Resident Permits

The New Hampshire State Police issue Non-Resident permits. Contact them at:

Department of Safety  
Division of State Police  
Permits and Licensing Unit  
33 Hazen Drive  
Concord, NH 03305

They will send you the proper paperwork or you can download and print off an application and fill it out and mail it in. Cost is \$100 and the Permit/License is valid for 4 years. You must have a non restricted permit

from another state before New Hampshire will issue you a Non-Resident Permit/License. The process is simple and straight forward.

**Vermont Residents** are the only people who can get a NH permit without another permit to carry from any state. They must supply a letter from their Local Sheriff or Police Dept stating they are of good character.

### [Non-Resident Permit Application](#)

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

### **TITLE 12 § 159:19 Courtroom Security.**

**I.** No person shall knowingly carry a loaded or unloaded pistol, revolver, or firearm or any other deadly weapon as defined in RSA 625:11, V, whether open or concealed or whether licensed or unlicensed, upon the person or within any of the person's possessions owned or within the person's control in a courtroom or area used by a court. Whoever violates the provisions of this paragraph shall be guilty of a class B felony.

**II.** Firearms may be secured at the entrance to a courthouse by courthouse security personnel.

**III.** For purposes of paragraph I, "area used by a court" means:

**(a)** In a building dedicated exclusively to court use, the entire building exclusive of the area between the entrance and the courthouse security.

**(b)** In any other building which includes a court facility, courtrooms, jury assembly rooms, deliberation rooms, conference and interview rooms, the judge's chambers, other court staff facilities, holding facilities, and corridors, stairways, waiting areas, and elevators directly connecting these rooms and facilities.

**IV.** The provisions of this section shall not apply to marshals, sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, police or other duly appointed or elected law enforcement officers, bailiffs and court security officers, or persons with prior authorization of the court for the purpose of introducing weapons into evidence and as otherwise provided for in RSA 159:5.

**V.** It shall be an affirmative defense to any prosecution under paragraph I that there was no notice of the provisions of paragraph I posted in a conspicuous place at each public entrance to the court building.

**Source.** 1985, 258:2. 2000, 175:1, eff. Jan. 1, 2001.

## Do "No Gun Signs" Have the Force of Law?

**"YES"**

### **Title LXII [635:2](#) Criminal Trespass. –**

**I.** A person is guilty of criminal trespass if, knowing that he is not licensed or privileged to do so, he enters or remains in any place.

**II.** Criminal trespass is a misdemeanor for the first offense and a class B felony for any subsequent offense if the person knowingly or recklessly causes damage in excess of \$1,500 to the value of the property of another.

**III.** Criminal trespass is a misdemeanor if:

**(a)** The trespass takes place in an occupied structure as defined in RSA 635:1, III; or

**(b)** The person knowingly enters or remains:

**(1)** In any secured premises;

**(2)** In any place in defiance of an order to leave or not to enter which was personally communicated to him by the owner or other authorized person; or

**(3)** In any place in defiance of any court order restraining him from entering such place so long as he

has been properly notified of such order.

**IV.** All other criminal trespass is a violation.

**V.** In this section, "secured premises" means any place which is posted in a manner prescribed by law or in a manner reasonably likely to come to the attention of intruders, or which is fenced or otherwise enclosed in a manner designed to exclude intruders.

**VI.** In this section, "property," "property of another," and "value" shall be as defined in RSA 637:2, I, IV, and V, respectively.

Source. 1971, 518:1. 1979, 377:7. 2005, 125:1, eff. Jan. 1, 2006. 2010, 239:2, eff. July 1, 2010.

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

### Carry Allowed in these Areas:

**State Parks:** YES

**State/National Forests:** YES

**WMA's:** ?

**Wildlife Refuge** NO 212:17

**Road Side Rest Areas:** YES

## RV/Car Carry Without A Permit/License

It is illegal to carry a loaded firearm in any vehicle in New Hampshire without a Valid Permit/License.

### From the FAQ Page of NH State Police

I would like to bring my handgun into New Hampshire, yet I don't have a license to carry concealed. How may I carry?

- You may carry unloaded in your vehicle. Be sure that the ammunition is separate from the gun.
- You may carry loaded on your person. The weapon needs to be fully exposed. For example, it may not be concealed by a shirt or a jacket, or located in a backpack.
- You may carry unloaded and concealed on your person, so long as you do not possess any ammunition on your person.
- Please refer to [RSA 159](#) for additional information.

**159:4 Carrying Without License.** – No person shall carry a loaded pistol or revolver in any vehicle or concealed upon his person, except in his dwelling, house or place of business, without a valid license there for as hereinafter provided. A loaded pistol or revolver shall include any pistol or revolver with a magazine, cylinder, chamber or clip in which there are loaded cartridges. Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall, for the first such offense, be guilty of a misdemeanor. For the second and for each subsequent violation of the provisions of this section, such person shall be guilty of a class B felony, provided such second or subsequent violation has occurred within 7 years of the previous conviction.

**Note:** You can open carry outside a vehicle but you can not open carry in a vehicle. You can not carry a loaded firearm anywhere in a vehicle.

## State Preemption

## State Jurisdiction

### **159:26 Firearms and Ammunition; Authority of the State.**

**I.** To the extent consistent with federal law, the state of New Hampshire shall have authority and jurisdiction over the sale, purchase, ownership, use, possession, transportation, licensing, permitting, taxation, or other matter pertaining to firearms, firearms components, ammunition, or firearms supplies in the state. Except as otherwise specifically provided by statute, no ordinance or regulation of a political subdivision may regulate the sale, purchase, ownership, use, possession, transportation, licensing, permitting, taxation, or other matter pertaining to firearms, firearms components, ammunition, or firearms supplies in the state. Nothing in this section shall be construed as affecting a political subdivision's right to adopt zoning ordinances for the purpose of regulating firearms businesses in the same manner as other businesses or to take any action allowed under RSA 207:59.

**II.** Upon the effective date of this section, all municipal ordinances and regulations not authorized under paragraph I relative to the sale, purchase, ownership, use, possession, transportation, licensing, permitting, taxation, or other matter pertaining to firearms, firearm components, ammunition, or firearms supplies shall be null and void.

283:3 Effective Date.

**I.** Section 1 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2004.

**II.** The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

(Approved: July 18, 2003)

(Effective Date: I. Section 1 shall take effect January 1, 2004

II. Remainder shall take effect July 18, 2003)

## Deadly Force Laws

### **Title LXII: Criminal Code**

#### **Chapter 627: Justification**

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

**§627:1** General Rule

**§627:1-a** Civil Immunity.

**§627:2** Public Duty

**§627:3** Competing Harms

**§627:4** Physical Force in Defense of a Person

**§627:5** Physical Force in Law Enforcement

**§627:6** Physical Force by Persons with Special Responsibilities

**§627:7** Use of Force in Defense of Premises

**§627:8** Use of Force in Property Offenses

**§627:8-a** Use of Force by Merchants

**§627:8-b** Detention Powers of County Fair Security Guards

**§627:9** Definitions

## 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 New Hampshire Law concerning Chemical Sprays, Stun Guns Or Higher Capacity Magazine Bans.

## LEOSA State Information

No LEOSA 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:** No Set Time Period.

**Time Period to Establish Residency:** Upon obtaining a New Hampshire Drivers License/ID

**Minimum Age for Permit/License:** No min age listed in Laws

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

**State Fire arm Laws:** 12-159 thru 12-159-D

**State Deadly Force Laws:** 62-627.1 thru 62-627.9

**State Knife Laws:** 62-625.11 & 12-159:24

**Chemical/Electric Weapons Laws:** No laws found.

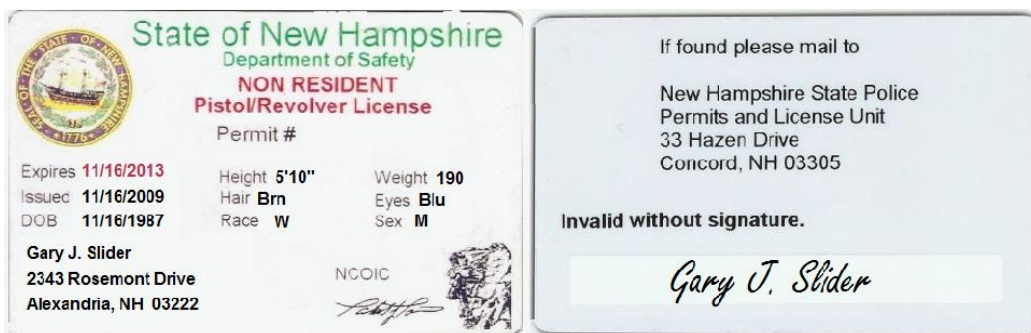
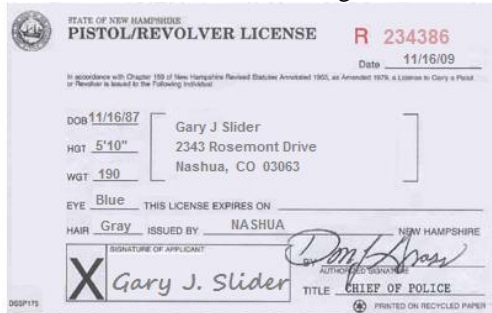
**Body Armor Laws: 62-650-B1 & B2**

**Does Your Permit Cover Other Weapons Besides Firearms? NO 159:6**

**Is carrying of a Concealed Firearm with Permit/License for Defensive Purposes Only While Hunting Legal? Yes** Except During Muzzle Loading Season  
NH Statutes Title XVIII Sec 208.5  
& NH Hunting & Trapping Digest

## Permit/License Image

Local Authorities issue Resident Licenses. Different Issuing Authorities could have different formats.



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

## Notes

### What Does NH Consider A Loaded Firearm?

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## Updates to this Page

- 12/19/09 – Age requirements updated.
- 6/30/09 - Cost of Non Resident permit info updated.
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- 8/31/09 - Map changed to show that ND will honor a NH Non Resident Permit.
- 12/26/09 – Places in Capitol Complex ruled off limits by Admin Rules added.

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**1/10/11** – Capitol Complex No Guns Rules Repealed. Places Off Limits Updated.  
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**4/17/11** – Information about carrying while hunting added.  
**8/10/11** – NH Now Honors Iowa.  
**9/9/11** – All Links Checked and Updated if Needed.  
**9/16/11** – Deadly Force Laws Section Updated with new Law. **§627:1-a** Civil Immunity.  
**12/1/11** – NC will now Accept NH Non Resident Permit/License.  
**2/1/12** – Wildlife Refuge Info added to St Park, St/Nat Forest Section