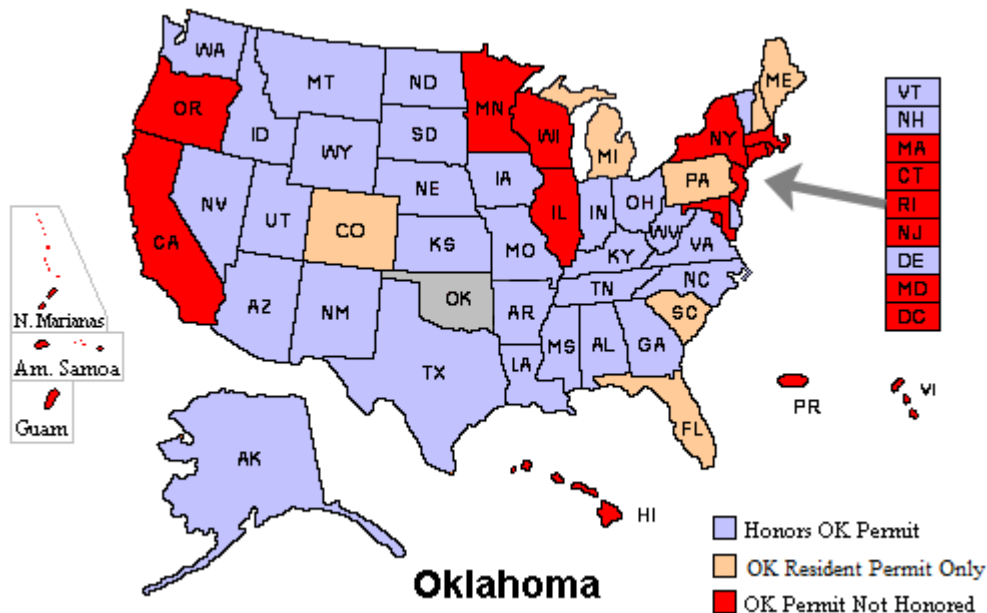


# Oklahoma

Shall Issue

Must Inform Officer Immediately: **YES**

(See Must Inform Section Below)



**Oklahoma**  
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**Note:** [Alaska](#), [Arizona](#), [Kansas](#), [Maine](#), [Mississippi](#), [Missouri](#), [New Hampshire](#), [Vermont](#) and [West Virginia](#) have “Permitless Carry.” Anyone who can legally possess a firearm may carry it concealed in those states without a Permit/License. Check each states page for more information and any restrictions that may apply.

[Idaho](#), [North Dakota](#) and [Wyoming](#) have “Permitless Carry” for their Residents only.

## Permits/Licenses This State Honors Listed Below

[Oklahoma honors all other states Permit/Licenses.](#)

**Oklahoma Honors Non-Resident Permits/Licenses From the States They Honor.**

## Reciprocity & How This State Honors Other States and Those From Permitless Carry States

### [21 O.S. 1290.26](#) Reciprocal Agreement Authority

The State of Oklahoma hereby recognizes any valid concealed or unconcealed carry weapons permit, valid military identification card as provided for qualified persons in Section 1290.8 of this title or license issued by another state, or if the state is a nonpermitting carry state, this state shall reciprocate under the permitting law of that state.

A. Any person entering this state in possession of a firearm authorized for concealed or unconcealed carry upon the authority and license of another state or a valid military identification card as provided for qualified persons in Section 1290.8 of this title is authorized to continue to carry a concealed or unconcealed firearm and license in this state; provided the license from the other state or valid military identification card as provided for qualified persons in Section 1290.8 of this title remains valid. The firearm must either be carried

unconcealed or concealed and upon coming in contact with any peace officer of this state, the person must disclose the fact that he or she is in possession of a concealed or unconcealed firearm pursuant to a valid concealed or unconcealed carry weapons permit or, license or a valid military identification card as provided for qualified persons in Section 1290.8 of this title issued in another state.

**B.** Any person entering this state in possession of a firearm authorized for concealed carry upon the authority of a state that is a nonpermitted carry state and the person is in compliance with the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, the person is authorized to carry a concealed or unconcealed firearm in this state. The firearm must be carried fully concealed or unconcealed and upon coming in contact with any peace officer of this state, the person must disclose the fact that he or she is in possession of a concealed or unconcealed firearm pursuant to the nonpermitting laws of the state in which he or she is a legal resident. The person shall present proper identification by a valid photo ID as proof that he or she is a legal resident in such a non-permitting state. The Department of Public Safety shall keep a current list of non-permitting states for law enforcement officers to confirm that a state is nonpermitting.

**Note:** This law would cover those from Alaska, Arizona, Idaho, Kansas, Maine, Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Vermont, West Virginia, Wyoming and **Oklahoma Residents only who are Active Military, Reserve or National Guard personnel and are 21 years of age or older.** To carry in Oklahoma under your state of residence permitless carry law you must be legal to carry in your home state without a permit and have a Drivers License or State Issued ID from your home state in your possession. Military must have their Military ID.

To see a listing of those states go [Here](#) and scroll to the bottom few FAQs for information on Permitless Carry in Oklahoma by those from Permitless Carry states.

### **Active Oklahoma Resident Military Exempt from Obtaining Permit/License**

#### **[21 O.S. 1290.8](#)**

**A.** Except as otherwise prohibited by law, an eligible person shall have authority to carry a concealed or unconcealed handgun in this state when

**2.** The person is twenty-one (21) years of age or older, and is either:

**a.** active military, or

**b.** a member of the Reserve or National Guard to include Drill Status Guard and Reserve, Active Guard Reserves or Military Technicians, and presents a valid military identification card that shall be considered a valid handgun license issued pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act.

**C.** The person shall be required to have possession of his or her valid handgun license or valid military identification card as provided for qualified persons in this section and a valid Oklahoma driver license or an Oklahoma State photo identification at all times when in possession of an authorized pistol.

### **How to Apply for a Permit**

#### **[21 O.S 1290.9](#) Eligibility**

The following requirements shall apply to any person making application to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation for a handgun license pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act. The person must:

**1.** Be a citizen of the United States;

**2.** Establish a residency, possesses a valid Oklahoma driver license or state photo identification card, and physically maintains a residence in this state or to any person, including the spouse of such person, who has

permanent military orders within this state and possesses a valid driver license from another state where such person and spouse of such person claim residency;

**3. Be at least:**

- a. twenty-one (21) years of age, or
- b. eighteen (18) years of age but not yet twenty-one (21) years of age and the person is a member or veteran of the United States Armed Forces, the Reserves or National Guard, or the person was discharged under honorable conditions from the U.S. Armed Forces, Reserves or National Guard;

**4. Complete a firearms safety and training course and demonstrate competence and qualifications with the type of pistol to be carried by the person as provided in Section 1290.14 of this title, and submit proof of training and qualification or an exemption for training and qualification as authorized by Section 1290.14 of this title;**

**5. Submit the required fee and complete the application process as provided in Section 1290.12 of this title; and**

**6. Comply in good faith with the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act.**

You can apply [Online](#). Applications are also available at all county Sheriff's Offices in Oklahoma or by contacting the OSBI or By going [Here](#).

**1. Read and become knowledgeable of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act.**

Carefully look at the [eligibility requirements](#), [mandatory preclusions](#) and [other preclusions](#) to determine if you are qualified to be an SDA license holder.

**2. Complete the required firearms safety and training class or receive an exemption from a [certified gun safety instructor](#).**

You will need to send one of the following to the OSBI with your application:

- original signed training certificate indicating handgun authorized to carry, or
- original signed exemption certificate.

**3. [Apply online](#) or complete an [application](#).** (Applications are also available at sheriffs' offices or by emailing the [OSBI](#).)

**4. Upload a color photo or attach two (2) color, passport style photographs to your application.**

No Personally Printed Photographs Will Be Accepted.

Photo service may be available at your sheriff's office for a fee not to exceed \$10.00.

**5. Take the online [summary sheet](#) or completed application, photographs, and required fees to the Sheriff's Office in the county you live.**

The Sheriff's office will:

- verify applicants against photos submitted and their Oklahoma Driver License or state issued Identification Card (if applicant has permanent military orders in Oklahoma, he or she may show a driver license or identification card from their home state of residence). Applicants who apply online and upload a photo must have a printer capable of printing a clear and legible image. The printed image can be black and white.
- take two complete sets of fingerprints of the applicant.
- submit both sets of fingerprints, the online [summary sheet](#) or completed application, certificate of training or exemption, [a report of information deemed pertinent to an investigation of the applicant for a handgun license](#), the photographs, and the processing fee to the OSBI within fourteen (14) days of taking the fingerprints.

**21 O.S 1290.12 (A) (4) (c) By Electronic Funds Transfer.**

The processing fee shall not be refundable in the event of a denial of a handgun license or any suspension or revocation subsequent to the issuance of a license. Persons making application for a firearms instructor shall not be required to pay the application fee as provided in this section, but shall be required to pay the costs provided in paragraphs 6 and 8 of this subsection;

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Initial Application	5 Year	\$100	10 Year	\$200
Renewal Application	5 Year	\$85	10 Year	\$170

**Non-Resident Permits**

Military and their Spouse on permanent military orders within this state may apply just like a resident. See OK Statute 21-1290.9 in How to Apply Section Above. You would apply just like a resident.

**Places Off-Limits Even With a Permit/License**

**21 O.S 1277. Unlawful Carry in Certain Places**

**Version 3 (as amended by Laws 2017, HB 1104, c. 165, § 1, eff. November 1, 2017)**

**A.** It shall be unlawful for any person in possession of a valid handgun license issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act to carry any concealed or unconcealed handgun into any of the following places:

1. Any structure, building, or office space which is owned or leased by a city, town, county, state or federal governmental authority for the purpose of conducting business with the public;
2. Any courthouse, courtroom, prison, jail, detention facility or any facility used to process, hold or house arrested persons, prisoners or persons alleged delinquent or adjudicated delinquent, except as provided in Section 21 of Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes;
3. Any public or private elementary or public or private secondary school, except as provided in subsection C of this section;
4. Any publicly owned or operated sports arena or venue during a professional sporting event, unless allowed by the event holder;
5. Any place where gambling is authorized by law, unless allowed by the property owner; and
6. Any other place specifically prohibited by law.

**B.** For purposes of subsection A of this section, the prohibited place does not include and specifically excludes the following property:

1. Any property set aside for the use or parking of any motor vehicle, whether attended or unattended, by a city, town, county, state or federal governmental authority;
2. Any property set aside for the use or parking of any motor vehicle, whether attended or unattended, which is open to the public or by any entity engaged in gambling authorized by law;
3. Any property adjacent to a structure, building or office space in which concealed or unconcealed weapons are prohibited by the provisions of this section;
4. Any property designated by a city, town, county or state governmental authority as a park, recreational area, or fairgrounds; provided, nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to authorize any entry by a person in possession of a concealed or unconcealed handgun into any structure, building or office space which is specifically prohibited by the provisions of subsection A of this section; and

**5.** Any property set aside by a public or private elementary or secondary school for the use or parking of any motor vehicle, whether attended or unattended; provided, however, said handgun shall be stored and hidden from view in a locked motor vehicle when the motor vehicle is left unattended on school property.

Nothing contained in any provision of this subsection or subsection C of this section shall be construed to authorize or allow any person in control of any place described subsection A of this section to establish any policy or rule that has the effect of prohibiting any person in lawful possession of a handgun license from possession of a handgun allowable under such license in places described in this subsection.

**C.** A concealed or unconcealed weapon may be carried onto private school property or in any school bus or motor vehicle used by any private school for transportation of students or teachers by a person who is licensed pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, provided a policy has been adopted by the governing entity of the private school that authorizes the carrying and possession of a weapon on private school property or in any school bus or motor vehicle used by a private school. Except for acts of gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct, a governing entity of a private school that adopts a policy which authorizes the possession of a weapon on private school property, a school bus or motor vehicle used by the private school shall be immune from liability for any injuries arising from the adoption of the policy. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to claims pursuant to the Administrative Workers' Compensation Act.

**D.** Notwithstanding paragraph 3 of subsection A of this section, a board of education of a school district may adopt a policy pursuant to Section 5-149.2 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes to authorize the carrying of a handgun onto school property by school personnel specifically designated by the board of education, provided such personnel ...

**E.** Any person violating the provisions of paragraphs 2 or 3 of subsection A of this section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00). A person violating any other provision of subsection A of this section may be denied entrance onto the property or removed from the property. If the person refuses to leave the property and a peace officer is summoned, the person may be issued a citation for an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00).

**F.** No person in possession of a valid handgun license issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act shall be authorized to carry the handgun into or upon any college, university or technology center school property, except as provided in this subsection. For purposes of this subsection, the following property shall not be const

- 1.** Any property set aside for the use or parking of any motor vehicle, whether attended or unattended, provided the handgun is carried or stored as required by law and the handgun is not removed from the motor vehicle without the prior consent of the college or university president or technology center school administrator while the motor vehicle is on any college, university or technology center school property;
- 2.** Any property authorized for possession or use of handguns by college, university or technology center school policy; and
- 3.** Any property authorized by the written consent of the college or university president or technology center school administrator, provided the written consent is carried with the handgun and the valid handgun license while on college, university or technology center school property.

The college, university or technology center school may notify the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation within ten (10) days of a violation of any provision of this subsection by a licensee. Upon receipt of a written notification of violation, the Bureau shall give a reasonable notice to the licensee and hold a hearing. At the hearing, upon a determination that the licensee has violated any provision of this subsection, the licensee may be subject to an administrative fine of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) and may have the handgun license suspended for three (3) months.

Nothing contained in any provision of this subsection shall be construed to authorize or allow any college, university or technology center school to establish any policy or rule that has the effect of prohibiting any person in lawful possession of a handgun license from possession of a handgun allowable under such license in places described in paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 of this subsection. Nothing contained in any provision of this subsection shall be construed to limit the authority of any college, university or technology center school in this state from taking administrative action against any student for any violation of any provision of this subsection.

**G.** The provisions of this section shall not apply to any peace officer or to any person authorized by law to carry a pistol in the course of employment. District judges, associate district judges, and special district judges, who are in possession of a valid handgun license issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act and whose names appear on a list maintained by the Administrative Director of the Courts, when acting in the course and scope of employment within the courthouses of this state.

**H.** For the purposes of this section, "motor vehicle" means any automobile, truck, minivan or, sports utility vehicle or motorcycle as such term is defined in Section 1-135 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes, equipped with a locked accessory container within or affixed to the motorcycle.

### **21 O.S 1280.1 Possession of Firearm on School Property**

**A.** It shall be unlawful for any person to have in his or her possession on any public or private school property or while in any school bus or vehicle used by any school for transportation of students or teachers any firearm or weapon designated in Section 1272 of this title, except as provided in subsection C of this section or as otherwise authorized by law.

**B.** For purposes of this section:

1. "School property" means any publicly owned property held for purposes of elementary, secondary or vocational-technical education, and shall not include property owned by public school districts or where such property is leased or rented to an individual or corporation and used for purposes other than educational;
2. "Private school" means a school that offers a course of instruction for students in one or more grades from prekindergarten through grade twelve and is not operated by a governmental entity; and
3. "Motor vehicle" means any automobile, truck, minivan or sports utility vehicle.

**C.** Firearms and weapons are allowed on school property and deemed not in violation of subsection A of this section as follows:

1. A gun or knife designed for hunting or fishing purposes kept in a privately owned vehicle and properly displayed or stored as required by law, provided such vehicle containing said gun or knife is driven onto school property only to transport a student to and from school and such vehicle does not remain unattended on school property;
2. A gun or knife used for the purposes of participating in the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation certified hunter training education course or any other hunting, fishing, safety or firearms training courses, or a recognized firearms sports event, team shooting program or competition, or living history reenactment, provided the course or event is approved by the principal or chief administrator of the school where the course or event is offered, and provided the weapon is properly displayed or stored as required by law pending participation in the course, event, program or competition;
3. Weapons in the possession of any peace officer or other person authorized by law to possess a weapon in the performance of his or her duties and responsibilities;
4. A concealed or unconcealed weapon carried onto private school property or in any school bus or vehicle used by any private school for transportation of students or teachers by a person who is licensed pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, provided a policy has been adopted by the governing entity

of the private school that authorizes the possession of a weapon on private school property or in any school bus or vehicle used by a private school. Except for acts of gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct, a governing entity of a private school that adopts a policy which authorizes the possession of a weapon on private school property, a school bus or vehicle used by the private school shall be immune from liability for any injuries arising from the adoption of the policy. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to claims pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Code;

5. A gun, knife, bayonet or other weapon in the possession of a member of a veterans group, the national guard, active military, the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) or Junior ROTC, in order to participate in a ceremony, assembly or educational program approved by the principal or chief administrator of a school or school district where the ceremony, assembly or educational program is being held; provided, however, the gun or other weapon that uses projectiles is not loaded and is inoperable at all times while on school property;
6. A handgun carried in a motor vehicle pursuant to a valid handgun license authorized by the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act onto property set aside by a public or private elementary or secondary school for the use or parking of any vehicle; provided, however, said handgun shall be stored and hidden from view in a locked motor vehicle when the motor vehicle is left unattended on school property; and
7. A handgun carried onto public school property by school personnel who have been designated by the board of education, provided such personnel either:
  - a. possess a valid armed security guard license as provided for in Section 1750.1 et seq. of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or
  - b. hold a valid reserve peace officer certification as provided for in Section 3311 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes,

if a policy has been adopted by the board of education of the school district that authorizes the carrying of a handgun onto public school property by such personnel. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to restrict authority granted elsewhere in law to carry firearms.

**D.** Any person violating the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00).

### **21 O.S 1272.1 Carrying Firearms Where Liquor Is Consumed.**

(A) It shall be unlawful for any person to carry or possess any weapon designated in Section 1272 of this title in any establishment where low-point beer, as defined by Section 163.2 of Title 37 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or alcoholic beverages, as defined by Section 506 of Title 37 of the Oklahoma Statutes, are consumed. This provision shall not apply to a peace officer, as defined in Section 99 of this title, or to private investigators with a firearms authorization when acting in the scope and course of employment, and shall not apply to an owner or proprietor of the establishment having a pistol, rifle, or shotgun on the premises. Provided however, a person possessing a valid concealed handgun license pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, Section 1290.1 et seq. of this title may carry the concealed handgun into any restaurant or other establishment licensed to dispense low-point beer or alcoholic beverages where the sale of low-point beer or alcoholic beverages does not constitute the primary purpose of the business.

For Federal Restrictions on Firearms see the [USA Page](#).

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### **21 O.S 1289.13 Transporting A Loaded Firearm**

Except as otherwise provided by the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act or another provision of law, it shall be unlawful to transport a loaded pistol, rifle or shotgun in a land borne motor vehicle over a public highway or roadway. However, a rifle or shotgun may be transported clip or magazine loaded and not chamber loaded when transported in an exterior locked compartment of the vehicle or trunk

of the vehicle or in the interior compartment of the vehicle notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1289.7 of this title when the person is in possession of a valid handgun license pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act.

Any person convicted of a violation of this section shall be punished as provided in Section 1289.15 of this title.

Any person who is the operator of a vehicle or is a passenger in any vehicle wherein another person who is licensed pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act to carry a handgun, concealed or unconcealed, and is carrying a handgun or has a handgun or rifle or shotgun in such vehicle shall not be deemed in violation of the provisions of this section provided the licensee is in or near the vehicle.

### **21 O.S 1290.6. Prohibited Ammunition**

Any concealed or unconcealed handgun when carried in a manner authorized by the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act and when loaded with any ammunition which is either a restricted bullet as defined by Section 1289.19 of this title or is larger than .45 caliber or is otherwise prohibited by law shall be deemed a prohibited weapon for purposes of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be punished for a criminal offense as provided by Section 1272 of this title or any other applicable provision of law. In addition to any criminal prosecution for a violation of the provisions of this section, the licensee shall be subject to an administrative fine of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), upon a hearing and determination by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation that the person is in violation of the provisions of this section.

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

**“NO”**

### **21 O.S 1290.22. Business Owner's Rights**

**C.** A property owner, tenant, employer, place of worship or business entity may prohibit any person from carrying a concealed or unconcealed firearm on the property. If the building or property is open to the public, the property owner, tenant, employer, place of worship or business entity shall post signs on or about the property stating such prohibition.

**D.** The carrying of a concealed or unconcealed firearm by a person who has been issued a handgun license on property that has signs prohibiting the carrying of firearms shall not be deemed a criminal act but may subject the person to being denied entrance onto the property or removed from the property. If the person refuses to leave the property and a peace officer is summoned, the person may be issued a citation for an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00).

“Handgunlaw.us highly recommends that you not enter a place that is posted “No Firearms” no matter what the state laws read/mean on signage. We recommend you print out the [No Guns = No Money Cards](#) and give one to the owner of the establishment that has the signage.” As responsible gun owners and upholders of the 2nd Amendment we should also honor the rights of property owners to control their own property even if we disagree with them.”

“No Firearm” signs in Oklahoma have no force of law unless they are posted on property that is specifically mentioned in State Law as being off limits to those with a Permit/License to Carry. If you are in a place not specifically mentioned in the law that is posted and they ask you to leave, you must leave. If you refuse to leave then you are breaking the law and can be charged. Even if the property is not posted and you are asked to leave you must leave. Always be aware of the possibility that responding Police Officers who may have



been called without your knowledge and may not know the laws on trespass etc. could arrest you even if you are within the law.

## Parking Lot Storage Law

### **21 O.S 1289.7a. Transporting or Storing Firearms in Locked Motor Vehicle on Private Premises – Prohibition Proscribed – Liability Enforcement.**

**A.** No person, property owner, tenant, employer, or business entity shall maintain, establish, or enforce any policy or rule that has the effect of prohibiting any person, except a convicted felon, from transporting and storing firearms or ammunition in a locked motor vehicle, or from transporting and storing firearms or ammunition locked in or locked to a motor vehicle on any property set aside for any motor vehicle.

**B.** No person, property owner, tenant, employer, or business entity shall be liable in any civil action for occurrences which result from the storing of firearms or ammunition in a locked motor vehicle on any property set aside for any motor vehicle, unless the person, property owner, tenant, employer, or owner of the business entity commits a criminal act involving the use of the firearms or ammunition. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to claims pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Act.

**C.** An individual may bring a civil action to enforce this section. If a plaintiff prevails in a civil action related to the personnel manual against a person, property owner, tenant, employer or business for a violation of this section, the court shall award actual damages, enjoin further violations of this section, and award court costs and attorney fees to the prevailing plaintiff.

**D.** As used in this section, "motor vehicle" means any automobile, truck, minivan, sports utility vehicle, motorcycle, motor scooter, and any other vehicle required to be registered under the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act. Added by Laws 2004, c. 39, § 1, eff. Nov. 1, 2004. Amended by Laws 2005, c. 448, § 1, eff. Nov. 1, 2005. Amended by Laws 2012

**Note:** Also see Places Off Limits Section on new law that takes effect 11/1/14 on School Parking Lot Storage.

## Must Inform Officer Immediately on Contact By Law?

**"YES"**

### **21 O.S 1290.8. Possession of License Required-Notification to Police of Gun**

**C.** The person shall be required to have possession of his or her valid handgun license or valid military identification card as provided for qualified persons in this section and a valid Oklahoma driver license or an Oklahoma State photo identification at all times when in possession of an authorized pistol.....

**D.** It shall be unlawful for any person to fail or refuse to identify the fact that the person is in actual possession of a concealed or unconcealed handgun pursuant to the authority of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act when the person comes into contact with any law enforcement officer of this state or its political subdivisions or a federal law enforcement officer during the course of any arrest, detainment, or routine traffic stop. Said identification to the law enforcement officer shall be made at the first opportunity. No person shall be required to identify himself or herself as a handgun licensee when no handgun is in the possession of the person or in any vehicle in which the person is driving or is a passenger. Any violation of the provisions of this subsection shall, upon conviction, be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not exceeding One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

**F.** Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize a law enforcement officer to inspect any weapon properly concealed or unconcealed without probable cause that a crime has been committed.

## Carry In State Parks//WMA/Road Side Rest Areas & St. /Nat. Forests

### Carry Allowed in these Areas:

**State Parks:** YES [21 O.S 1277](#). But not in buildings.

**State/National Forests:** YES [21 O.S 1277](#). But not in buildings.

**State WMA's:** NO? See [Title 29](#) OK Statutes Also See [Title 800](#) OK Admin Rules (I can't find wording stating one way or the other but per verbal communications, WMA's are Off Limits)

**Road Side Rest Areas:** YES [21 O.S 1277](#). But not in buildings.

## RV/Car Carry Without a Permit/License

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

[21 O.S 1289.7](#). Firearms in Vehicles.

### FIREARMS IN VEHICLES

Any person, except a convicted felon, may transport in a motor vehicle a rifle, shotgun or pistol, open and unloaded, at any time. For purposes of this section "open" means the firearm is transported in plain view, in a case designed for carrying firearms, which case is wholly or partially visible, in a gun rack mounted in the vehicle, in an exterior locked compartment or a trunk of a vehicle.

Any person, except a convicted felon, may transport in a motor vehicle a rifle or shotgun concealed behind a seat of the vehicle or within the interior of the vehicle provided the rifle or shotgun is not clip, magazine or chamber loaded. The authority to transport a clip or magazine loaded rifle or shotgun shall be pursuant to Section 1289.13 of this title.

Any person who is the operator of a vehicle or is a passenger in any vehicle wherein another person who is licensed pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act to carry a handgun, concealed or unconcealed, and is carrying a handgun or has the handgun in such vehicle, shall not be deemed in violation of the provisions of this section provided the licensee is in or near the vehicle.

### TRANSPORTING A LOADED FIREARM

[21 O.S 1289.13](#). Transporting a loaded firearm.

Except as otherwise provided by the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act or another provision of law, it shall be unlawful to transport a loaded pistol, rifle or shotgun in a land borne motor vehicle over a public highway or roadway. However, a rifle or shotgun may be transported clip or magazine loaded and not chamber loaded when transported in an exterior locked compartment of the vehicle or trunk of the vehicle or in the interior compartment of the vehicle notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1289.7 of this title when the person is in possession of a valid handgun license pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act.

[21 O.S 1290.2](#) – Definitions

A. As Used In the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act:

1. "Concealed handgun" means a loaded or unloaded pistol or handgun not openly visible to the ordinary observation of a reasonable person;

2. "Pistol" means any derringer, revolver or semiautomatic firearm which:
- a. has an overall barrel or barrels length of less than sixteen (16) inches,
  - b. is capable of discharging single or multiple projectiles from a single round of ammunition composed of any material which may reasonably be expected to be able to cause lethal injury,
  - c. can be held and fired by the use of one or both hands, and
  - d. uses a combustible propellant charge to propel the projectile or projectiles.

**B.** The definition of pistol or handgun for purposes of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act shall not apply to imitation pistols, flare guns, underwater fishing guns or blank pistols.

## Open Carry (Without a Valid Permit/License)

**Note:** The Oklahoma Governor has a very good FAQs on Open Carry that answers most questions [Here](#).

Open Carry is legal in Oklahoma only for those who have a Valid Permit/License to Carry a Firearm or those from the Permitless Carry states of AK, AZ, ID, KS, ME, MS, MO, NH, VT, WV & WY. Places as listed in the "Places Off Limits" above apply to those who open carry. See the "RV/Car Carry Without a Permit" section for carrying in a vehicle.

The state preempts all firearm laws in the state and local authorities can't have Laws/Ordinances against open carry. Remember that if you enter any property and the owner/responsible person ask you to leave you must leave. Failure to leave can result in Trespass Charges. The Minimum age for Open Carry is 21.

In some states Open Carry is forbidden in places where those with a valid permit/license can carry. This is not the last word on Open Carry in this state. Check at [www.opencarry.org](http://www.opencarry.org) or go to Google and type in State Name Open Carry or Open Carry State Name for a search for open carry info in this state. Check with the [State's RKBA](#) Organization/s. Also see "Attorney General Opinions/Court Cases" Section for any written opinions/Cases on Open Carry.

### **21 O.S 1290.5. Term of license and renewal.**

**A.** A handgun license when issued shall authorize the person to whom the license is issued to carry a loaded or unloaded handgun, concealed or unconcealed, as authorized by the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, and any future modifications thereto.

### **21 O.S 1290.2 - Definitions**

2. "Unconcealed handgun" or "open carry" means a loaded or unloaded pistol or handgun carried upon the person in a holster where the firearm is visible, or carried upon the person using a scabbard, sling or case designed for carrying firearms

## State Preemption

### **21 O.S 1289.24. Firearm Regulation - State Preemption.**

**A. 1.** The State Legislature hereby occupies and preempts the entire field of legislation in this state touching in any way firearms, knives, components, ammunition, and supplies to the complete exclusion of any order, ordinance, or regulation by any municipality or other political subdivision of this state. Any existing or future orders, ordinances, or regulations in this field, except as provided for in paragraph 2 of this subsection and subsection C of this section, are null and void.

2. A municipality may adopt any ordinance:

- a. relating to the discharge of firearms within the jurisdiction of the municipality, and
- b. allowing the municipality to issue a traffic citation for transporting a firearm improperly as provided for in Section 1289.13A of this title, provided however, that penalties contained for violation of any ordinance enacted pursuant to the provisions of this subparagraph shall not exceed the penalties established in the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act.

3. As provided in the preemption provisions of this section, the otherwise lawful open carrying of a handgun under the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act shall not be punishable by any municipality or other political subdivision of this state as disorderly conduct, disturbing the peace or similar offense against public order.

4. A public or private school may create a policy regulating the possession of knives by students on school property or in any school bus or vehicle used by the school for purposes of transportation.

**B.** No municipality or other political subdivision of this state shall adopt any order, ordinance, or regulation concerning in any way the sale, purchase, purchase delay, transfer, ownership, use, keeping, possession, carrying, bearing, transportation, licensing, permit, registration, taxation other than sales and compensating use taxes, or other controls on firearms, knives, components, ammunition, and supplies.

**C.** Except as hereinafter provided, this section shall not prohibit any order, ordinance, or regulation by any municipality concerning the confiscation of property used in violation of the ordinances of the municipality as provided for in Section 28-121 of Title 11 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Provided, however, no municipal ordinance relating to transporting a firearm or knife improperly may include a provision for confiscation of property.

**D.** When a person's rights pursuant to the protection of the preemption provisions of this section have been violated, the person shall have the right to bring a civil action against the persons, municipality, and political subdivision jointly and severally for injunctive relief or monetary damages or both.

## Deadly Force Laws

- [21 O.S. 156](#) Defense of Duress
- [21 O.S. 643](#) Force Against Another Not Unlawful, When - Self-Defense - Defense Of Property.
- [21 O.S. 731](#) Excusable Homicide
- [21 O.S. 733](#) Justifiable Homicide by Any Person
- [21 O.S.1289.25](#) Physical or Deadly Force Against Intruder

## Knife Laws State/Cities

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

## Carry in Restaurants That Serve Alcohol

**YES**      [21 O.S 1272.1](#)

**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 or Red Lobster unless posted with **“No Gun Signs.”** 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 Oklahoma Law concerning Chemical Sprays, Stun Guns Or Higher Capacity Magazine Bans.

## **LEOSA State Information**

Oklahoma Statute Covering LEOSA [21 O.S 1289.8](#)

See the LEOSA Section on the [USA Page](#) at Handgunlaw.us for more LEOSA Information.

## **Attorney General Opinions/Court Cases**

- [Oklahoma AG - Can Library Ban CCW](#)
- [Oklahoma AG - Store Gun In Car on Prison Parking Lot](#)
- [Oklahoma AG – Resident Carrying in OK With Another States Permit](#)

## **Airport Carry/Misc. Information**

**Airport Carry:** If owned by any government entity Terminal Off Limits Parking Lot OK §21-1277.  
It is difficult to know who owns the airport. Handgunlaw.us recommends not carrying in any Terminal.

**Training Valid for:** 3 Years (Starting 11/1/14)

**Time Period to Establish Residency:** Upon obtaining Oklahoma Drivers License/ID

**Minimum Age for Permit/License:** 21 (18 If Active or Honorably Discharged Veteran)

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

**State Reciprocity/How They Honor Other States Statute:** §21-1290.26v1

**State Fire arm Laws:** §21-1271.1 thru §21-1290.26

**State Deadly Force Laws:** §21-1289.25

**State Knife Laws:** §21-1272

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

**Body Armor Laws:** §21-1289.26

**Does Your Permit Cover Other Weapons Besides Firearms?** NO §21-1290.3.

**Is carrying of a Concealed Firearm with Permit/License for Defensive Purposes Only While Hunting Legal?** YES OK Wildlife Dept Hunting Guide

### What Does OK Consider A Loaded Firearm?

#### 21 O.S 1289.7. Firearms in Vehicles.

##### **FIREARMS IN VEHICLES**

Any person, except a convicted felon, may transport in a motor vehicle a rifle or shotgun concealed behind a seat of the vehicle or within the interior of the vehicle provided the rifle or shotgun is not clip, magazine or chamber loaded. The authority to transport a clip or magazine loaded rifle or shotgun shall be pursuant to Section 1289.13 of this title.

#### 21 O.S 1289.13. Transporting a loaded firearm.

##### **TRANSPORTING A LOADED FIREARM**

Except as otherwise provided by the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act or another provision of law, it shall be unlawful to transport a loaded pistol, rifle or shotgun in a land borne motor vehicle over a public highway or roadway. However, a rifle or shotgun may be transported clip or magazine loaded and not chamber loaded when transported in an exterior locked compartment of the vehicle or trunk of the vehicle or in the interior compartment of the vehicle notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1289.7 of this title when the person is in possession of a valid handgun license pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act.

### State Emergency Powers

#### 21 O.S 1321.1. Citation. (Edited for Space Considerations)

This act shall be known and referred to as the Oklahoma Riot Control and Prevention Act.  
Laws 1968, c. 125, § 1, emerg. eff. April 4, 1968.

#### 21 O.S 1321.2. Definitions.

As used in this Act: "**State of emergency**" means an emergency proclaimed as such by the Governor pursuant to Section 3 of the act.

"**Governor**" means the Governor of this state or, in case of his removal, death, resignation or inability to discharge the powers and duties of his office, then the person who may exercise the powers of Governor pursuant to the Constitution and laws of this state relating to succession in office. Laws 1968, c. 125, § 2, emerg. eff. April 4, 1968.

#### 21 O.S 1321.3. Proclamation of State of Emergency Notice Termination.

(a) The Governor, after finding that a public disorder, disaster or riot exists within this state or any part thereof which affects life, health, property or the public peace, may proclaim a state of emergency in the area affected.

(b) The proclamation of a state of emergency and other proclamations issued pursuant to this act shall be in writing and shall be signed by the Governor. They shall then be filed with the Secretary of State.

(c) The Governor shall give as much public notice as practical through the news media of the issuance of proclamations pursuant to this act.

(d) The state of emergency shall cease to exist upon the issuance of a proclamation of the Governor declaring its termination; provided that the Governor must terminate said proclamation when order has been restored in the area affected. Laws 1968, c. 125, § 3, emerg. eff. April 4, 1968.

#### **21 O.S 1321.4. Acts Which May be Proclaimed Prohibited.**

**A.** The Governor during the existence of a state of emergency, by proclamation, may, in the area described by the proclamation, which proclamation shall not cover any part or portion of the state not affected by public disorder, disaster, or riot at the time the proclamation is issued, prohibit:

1. Any person being on the public streets, or in the public parks or at any other public place during the hours declared by the Governor to be a period of curfew;
2. A designated number of persons, as designated by the Governor, from assembling or gathering on the public streets, parks, or other open areas of this state, either public or private;
3. The manufacture, transfer, use, possession or transportation of a molotov cocktail or any other device, instrument or object designed to explode or produce uncontained combustion;
4. The transporting, possessing or using of gasoline, kerosene, or combustible, flammable, or explosive liquids or materials in a glass or uncapped container of any kind except in connection with the normal operation of motor vehicles, normal home use or legitimate commercial use;
5. The sale, purchase or dispensing of alcoholic beverages;
6. The sale, purchase or dispensing of other commodities or goods, as the Governor reasonably believes should be prohibited to help preserve and maintain life, health, property or the public peace;
7. The use of certain streets, highways or public ways by the public; and
8. Such other activities as the Governor reasonably believes should be prohibited to help preserve and maintain life, health, property or the public peace.

**B.** Notwithstanding this section or any other law of this state, neither the Governor nor any official of a municipal or state entity shall prohibit or suspend the sale, ownership, possession, transportation, carrying, transfer and storage of firearms, ammunition and ammunition accessories during a declared state of emergency, that are otherwise legal under state law.

#### **21 O.S 1321.6. General Penalty.**

Except wherein specific penalties are prescribed in this act, whoever violates any provision of this act or any provision of a proclamation issued pursuant to this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

Laws 1968, c. 125, § 6, emerg. eff. April 4, 1968.

**“Oklahoma Emergency Management Act of 2003”** can be found in the Oklahoma Statutes: **63-683.1** thru **63-683.24**. It must be downloaded as an .rtf file. I can find no mention of firearms or confiscation in the Act. The wording seems so broad and it looks like the Governor or his appointee/s have unlimited authority in an Emergency.

**Note:** Federal Law can apply if the state is receiving monetary and/or other assistance from the Federal Government. See **US Code 42-5207** for Federal Law as it applies to States of Emergencies. The state quoted code may also not be all of the law on Emergency Powers held by the state. You should read the entire code on Emergency Powers etc for this state by following the link to the state code.

#### **Minimum Age for Possessing and Transporting of Handguns.**

**Oklahoma 18 Y/O 21 O.S 1273**

This is the minimum age for possessing and transporting a handgun unloaded and secured in a vehicle without any type of permit/license to carry firearms.

**Note:** In some states Possession and Transportation CAN be very restrictive in that you can ONLY possess and transport a handgun to and from a Shooting Range, Gun Shop, property you own or other places you can legally possess a handgun. Some states do not have this restriction.

This is not the last word on possession and transporting of handguns in this, or any other state. Study your state law further for more information. See “RV/Car Carry” Section Above for more information.

## Permit/License Image



Below is the new format OK adopted in the fall of 2012.



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

## Updates to this Page

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- 1/1/17 – Minnesota No Longer Honors Oklahoma. Missouri Added as Permitless Carry State to List of States Under Map at Top of Page. Also Added to List of States Who Have Permitless Carry Whose Residents Can Carry in Oklahoma on Just Their State Issued ID.
- 2/8/27 – All Links Checked and Repaired if Required.
- 2/24/17 – New Hampshire Added as Permitless Carry State to List of States Under Map at Top of Page.
- 4/19/17 – Reciprocity Statute Updated in Permits This State Honors Section. Per SB 833 Statute §21-1277 Updated in Places Off Limits Section.
- 8/20/17 – All Links Checked and Repaired if Needed.
- 11/1/17 – Reciprocity Law Updated In Who This State Honors Section. How to Apply, Non-Resident Permits, Must Inform Officer and Open Carry Sections Updated. Busses Being Off Limits Removed from Places Off Limits.
- 2/10/18 – All Links Checked.
- 3/28/18 – Note With Link to FAQs on Open Carry Added to Open Carry Section. Link is Also In Links Section.
- 4/17/18 – Map Updated. Pennsylvania Only Honors the Resident Oklahoma Permit.
- 6/23/18 – All Links Checked.