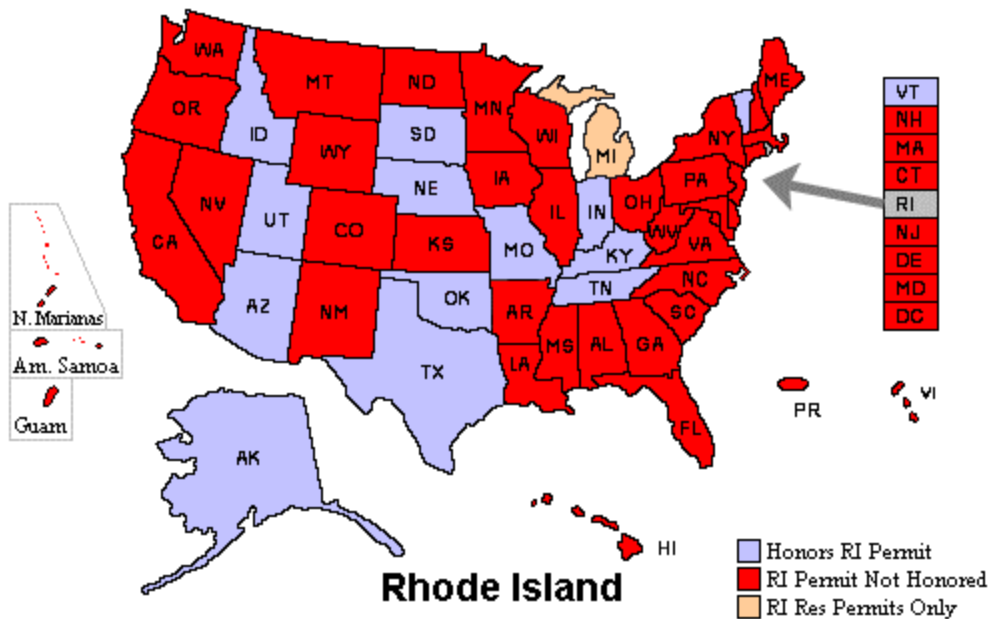


Rhode Island

Shall Issue

Must Inform Officer: **NO**



Links

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Permits/Licenses This State Honors

Rhode Island is listed here as a Shall Issue state as that is what their law states. The AG can use discretion in issuing Permit/Licenses. Some local agencies may also try to make the process May Issue. Call them on this if they try that.

Rhode Island does not honor any other states Permit/Licenses.

How to Apply for A Permit

Local Police/Sheriff issue Permits/Licenses. Since Local Agencies issue Permit/Licenses there may be a slight difference in the application process. You need to check with the local Issuing authority to make sure you have all the documents needed to apply.

Instructions For License To Carry A Concealable Weapon

No Applications Will Be Considered Unless The Following Have Been Accomplished

1. This official application form must be filled out completely by the applicant. Please PRINT OR TYPE application or IT WILL BE RETURNED.
2. The application must be NOTARIZED.
3. Enclose two (1"x 1") pictures of the applicant taken without headgear or glasses. This photo must be a clear picture of the head and face. Please PRINT applicant's name on the back of each picture. NO laminated photos will be accepted.
4. Proof of qualification before a certified weapons instructor, i.e. NRA instructor or police range instructor, must be supplied along with a copy of the NRA/FBI firearms instructor's certification.

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5. Two types of positive identification must be submitted, photocopied, signed, and dated by a notary public attesting to be true copies.
6. All new pistol permits issued from this department must have a full set of applicant's fingerprints submitted on a FBI Fingerprint Applicant Card (FD-258 (Rev.12- 29-82)) included with the application. Fingerprint card must be signed by applicant. This is not necessary for a renewal application.
7. If the permit is to be used for employment, a typed letter of explanation must be submitted on your employer's letterhead and included with the application.
8. If the permit is not for employment, a typed letter must be submitted by the applicant stating the reasons why a permit is needed on a full-time basis. All letters must be dated. We will not accept a photocopy of any signature.
9. Retired police officers applying under Section 11-47-18 must submit a letter of verification from the Chief of Police of the department which they retired from, stating that they have completed 20 years of GOOD service.
10. A forty dollar (\$40.00) Check Or Money Order must be submitted with your application.
11. Applicant will be notified by mail of approval or denial of permit. Telephone inquiries will not be accepted. If approved, applicant must appear in person to pickup permit. This application, fingerprint card, and photos become part of the records of the Burrillville Police Department and will NOT be returned.
12. All permits will expire Four (4) Years from the date of issue. Also, the renewal of your permit is your obligation. No notification of expiration of the permit will be sent to you. Allow a maximum of 90 DAYS for processing of your application.

Non-Resident Permits

If you have a residence or business in Rhode Island you can apply for a Permit/License to Carry. Check with the local authorities. The Attorney General can issue Permit/Licenses also.

§ 11-47-11 License or permit to carry concealed pistol or revolver. – (a) The licensing authorities of any city or town shall, upon application of any person twenty-one (21) years of age or over **having a bona fide residence or place of business within the city or town, or of any person twenty-one (21) years of age or over having a bona fide residence within the United States and a license or permit to carry a pistol or revolver concealed upon his or her person issued by the authorities of any other state or subdivision of the United States, issue a license or permit to the person to carry concealed upon his or her person a pistol or revolver everywhere within this state for four (4) years from date of issue**, if it appears that the applicant has good reason to fear an injury to his or her person or property or has any other proper reason for carrying a pistol or revolver, and that he or she is a suitable person to be so licensed. The license or permit shall be in triplicate in form to be prescribed by the attorney general and shall bear the fingerprint, photograph, name, address, description, and signature of the licensee and the reason given for desiring a license or permit and in no case shall it contain the serial number of any firearm. The original shall be delivered to the licensee. Any member of the licensing authority, its agents, servants, and employees shall be immune from suit in any action, civil or criminal, based upon any official act or decision, performed or made in good faith in issuing a license or permit under this chapter.

(b) Notwithstanding any other chapter or section of the general laws of the state of Rhode Island, the licensing authority of any city or town shall not provide or release to any individual, firm, association or corporation the name, address, or date of birth of any person who has held or currently holds a license or permit to carry a concealed pistol or revolver. This section shall not be construed to prohibit the release of any statistical data of a general nature relative to age, gender and racial or ethnic background nor shall it be construed to prevent the release of information to parties involved in any prosecution of § 11-47-8 or in response to a lawful subpoena in any criminal or civil action which the person is a party to that action.

Places Off-Limits Even With A Permit/License

[§ 11-47-52](#) Carrying of weapon while under the influence of liquor or drugs.

It is unlawful to carry or transport any firearm in this state when intoxicated or under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotic drugs.

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

Carry Allowed in these Areas:

State Parks: **NO** Park Rules and Regs Rule VIII Sec. 11 11.1

State/National Forests: **NO** Park Rules and Regs Rule VIII Sec. 11 11.1

WMA's: **NO** Park Rules and Regs Rule VIII Sec. 11 11.1

Road Side Rest Areas: **YES**

RV/Car Carry Without A Permit/License

TITLE 11

Criminal Offenses

CHAPTER 11-47 Weapons

SECTION 11-47-8

§ 11-47-8 License or permit required for carrying pistol – Possession of machine gun. – (a) No person shall, without a license or permit issued as provided in §§ 11-47-11, 11-47-12 and 11-47-18, carry a pistol or revolver in any vehicle or conveyance or on or about his or her person whether visible or concealed, except in his or her dwelling house or place of business or on land possessed by him or her or as provided in §§ 11-47-9 and 11-47-10. The provisions of these sections shall not apply to any person who is the holder of a valid license or permit issued by the licensing authority of another state, or territory of the United States, or political subdivision of the state or territory, allowing him or her to carry a pistol or revolver in any vehicle or conveyance or on or about his or her person whether visible or concealed, provided the person is merely transporting the firearm through the state in a vehicle or other conveyance without any intent on the part of the person to detain him or herself or remain within the state of Rhode Island. No person shall manufacture, sell, purchase, or possess a machine gun except as otherwise provided in this chapter. Every person violating the provision of this section shall, upon conviction, be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than ten (10) years, or by a fine up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), or both, and except for a first conviction under this section shall not be afforded the provisions of suspension or deferment of sentence, nor a probation.

(If you have a permit from another state you can keep the firearm on your hip or elsewhere in the vehicle while passing through the state. If you stop it must be put away)

State Preemption

§ 11-47-58 Firearms – State preemption.

The control of firearms, ammunition, or their component parts regarding their ownership, possession, transportation, carrying, transfer, sale, purchase, purchase delay, licensing, registration, and taxation rests solely with the state, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

Deadly Force Laws

§ 11-8-8 Injury or death – Defense.

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

Stun Devices/Electric Weapons

§ 11-47-42 - Stun Devices/Electric Weapons are illegal in Rhode Island

LEOSA State Information

No LEOSA 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 Rhode Island Drivers License/ID.

Minimum Age for Permit/License: 21

Permit/License Info Public Information: NO

State Fire arm Laws: 11-47-1 thru 11-47-62

State Deadly Force Laws: § 11-8-8

State Knife Laws: 11-47-42

Chemical/Electric Weapons Laws: 11-47-57 & 11-47-42

Body Armor Laws: No laws found.

Does Your Permit Cover Other Weapons Besides Firearms? NO § 11-47-11

Updates to this Page

8/22/09 – All links checked and repaired if needed.

8/31/09 - NE Now honors an RI permit.