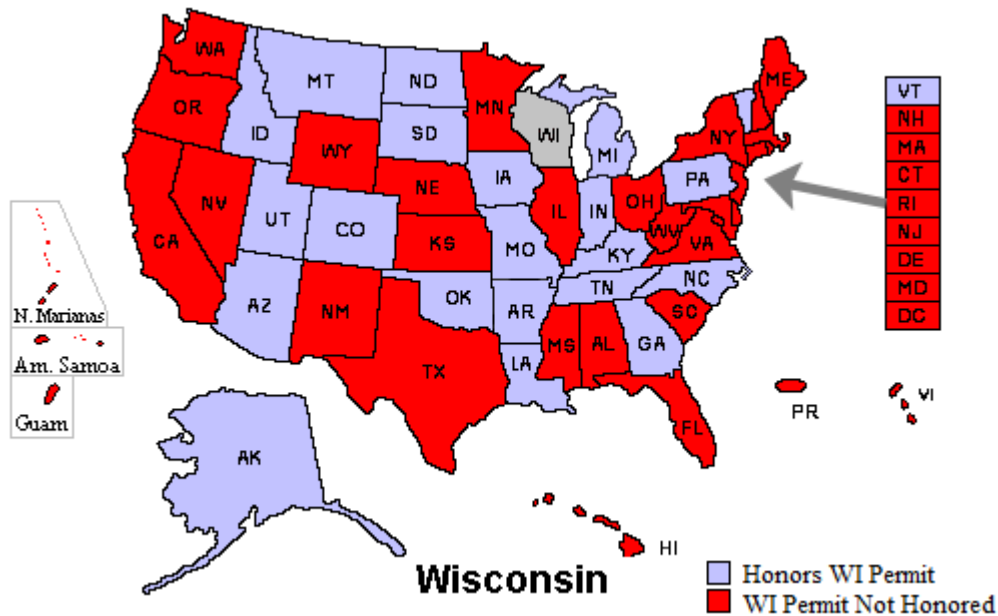


Wisconsin

Shall Issue

Must Inform Officer: **NO**



Links

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Permits/Licenses This State Honors

Arizona	Arkansas	California	Colorado	Connecticut,
Georgia	Hawaii	Idaho	Indiana	Iowa
Kansas	Kentucky	Louisiana	Maryland	Michigan
Minnesota	Montana	Nebraska	New Mexico	New York
North Carolina	North Dakota	Pennsylvania	Tennessee	Texas
Utah	*Virginia (Non Resident Only)		Washington	Wyoming
Puerto Rico	U.S. Virgin Islands			

*Wisconsin will not honor the Virginia Resident Permit/License only their Non Resident Permit/License.

Wisconsin Honors Non-Resident Permits/Licenses From the States They Honor. (Must be 21 Y/O)

How to Apply for A Permit

Applications

After you complete the application you can mail it to:

Wisconsin Department of Justice
Attn: Firearms Unit
PO Box 7130
Madison, WI, 53707-7130

If you do not have online access, you can mail a request to the above address and an application will be mailed to you.

Your application must:

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- Be completely filled out
- Be signed in all areas indicated, to include the statement that the information provided in the application and any document submitted with the application is true and complete to the best of the applicant's knowledge.
- Include a check made out to the Wisconsin Department of Justice in the amount of \$50.
- Include a copy of your proof of training.

Training Requirements

Act 35 requires applicants to provide proof of firearms safety training. Any one of the below listed documents will be accepted as proof of meeting the law's training requirement:

1. The hunter education program established under s. 29.591 or a substantially similar program that is established by another state, country, or province and that is recognized by the department of natural resources. (Note: you can [obtain a duplicate](#) Wisconsin hunter education certificate instantly online)
2. An unrevoked concealed carry license from another state or jurisdiction. You must enclose the [affirmation form DJ-LE-289](#) verifying it is not revoked for cause. The license may be current or expired.
3. Proof of military, law enforcement, or security firearms training.
 - Former military: DD214 or DD256 form showing either "honorable" or "general under honorable conditions" discharge or release from the US military. Remember to include copy 4 of the DD214.
 - Active military: Certificate of completion of basic training with service record of successful completion of small arms training.
 - Law enforcement: [Certification letter](#) from the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Standards Board or Law Enforcement Standards Board Transcript of Recruit Course Completion from Wisconsin or another state.
 - Security: Department of Safety and Professional Services Firearms Certification of Proficiency or similar course in another state.
4. Department of Justice Firearm Safety Course certificate (issued by DOJ-certified instructors).
5. Firearms safety or training certificate from a course taught by a national or state organization that certifies firearms instructors, or by an instructor certified by a national or state organization that certifies firearms instructors, or to the public by a law enforcement agency. If you participate in one of these courses, attach a copy of the certificate or affidavit from that course containing the following information:
 1. Applicant's name
 2. Name of the firearms safety or training course.
 3. Date on which the applicant completed the firearms safety or training course
 4. The name of the instructor who taught the firearms safety or training course and the name of the agency or organization that certified the instructor.

****Any one of the proof of training documents listed in #1-#5 are sufficient. For example, a person who submits a DNR hunter education certificate is not required to submit documentation of #2-#5.**

Note: The Emergency Administrative Rules states the training must be at least 4 hours Long has been suspended. Also the requirement that you have a signed statement from the trainer that you completed the course along with a training certificate is no longer needed. It must be Instructor Lead. That means No over
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the internet training is accepted. If you don't submit all the proper paperwork they will inform you of what is missing and you must submit. If you are denied they must give you the reason in writing. The department will make available to the public on its Internet site a model training certificate that provides for the information required

Non-Resident Permits

Wisconsin does not issue Non-Resident Permit/Licenses.

Places Off-Limits Even With A Permit/License

(16) Prohibited Activity.

(a) Except as provided in par. (b), neither a licensee nor an out-of-state licensee may knowingly carry a concealed weapon, a weapon that is not concealed, or a firearm that is not a weapon in any of the following places:

1. Any portion of a building that is a police station, sheriff's office, state patrol station, or the office of a division of criminal investigation special agent of the department.
2. Any portion of a building that is a prison, jail, house of correction, or secured correctional facility.
3. The facility established under s. 46.055. (Secure mental health facility for sexually violent Persons)
4. The center established under s. 46.056. (Wisconsin Resource Center)
5. Any secured unit or secured portion of a mental health institute under s. 51.05, including a facility designated as the Maximum Security Facility at Mendota Mental Health Institute.
6. Any portion of a building that is a county, state, or federal courthouse.
7. Any portion of a building that is a municipal courtroom if court is in session.
8. A place beyond a security checkpoint in an airport.

(b) The prohibitions under par. (a) do not apply to any of the following:

1. A weapon in a vehicle driven or parked in a parking facility located in a building that is used as, or any portion of which is used as, a location under par. (a).
2. A weapon in a courthouse or courtroom if a judge who is a licensee is carrying the weapon or if another licensee or out-of-state licensee, whom a judge has permitted in writing to carry a weapon, is carrying the weapon.
3. A weapon in a courthouse or courtroom if a district attorney, or an assistant district attorney, who is a licensee is carrying the weapon.

(17) Penalties.

(a) Any person who violates sub. (2g) (b) or (c) may be required to forfeit not more than \$25, except that the person shall be exempted from the forfeiture if the person presents, within 48 hours, his or her license document or out-of-state license and photographic identification to the law enforcement agency that employs the requesting law enforcement officer.

(ac) Except as provided in sub. (11) (b) 2., any person who violates sub. (11) (b) 1. may be required to forfeit \$50.

(ag) Any person who violates sub. (2m) (e), (12), or (12g) may be fined not more than \$500 or sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not more than 30 days or both.

Note: State and local governments may prohibit people from carrying weapons into government buildings. Notice can be verbal or via a sign posted at common entrances. The City of Madison is stating its Busses,

Bus Stops etc are off limits and people carrying there will be arrested. The law states a Verbal or Written warning would have to be given. Use Caution.

948.605(2)

(2) Possession of Firearm In School Zone.

(a) Any individual who knowingly possesses a firearm at a place that the individual knows, or has reasonable cause to believe, is in or on the grounds of a school is guilty of a Class I felony.

(b) 1r. A person who is a CCW licensee or out-of-state CCW licensee may possess a firearm within 1,000 feet of the grounds of a school, but not in or on school grounds. Wis. Stat. § 948.605(2)(b)1r.

“School” is defined as “a public school, parochial or private school, or tribal school, as defined in s. 115.001(15m), which provides an educational program for one or more grades between grades 1 and 12 and which is commonly known as an elementary school, middle school, junior high school, senior high school, or high school.”

Note: If the firearm is unloaded and secured in the vehicle then you can drive onto school property. But it must be unloaded and secured.

943.13 (1m) (c)

1. While carrying a firearm, enters or remains at a residence that the actor does not own or occupy after the owner of the residence, if he or she has not leased it to another person, or the occupant of the residence has notified the actor not to enter or remain at the residence while carrying a firearm or with that type of firearm. In this subdivision, “residence,” with respect to a single-family residence, includes the residence building and the parcel of land upon which the residence building is located, and “residence,” with respect to a residence that is not a single-family residence, does not include any common area of the building in which the residence is located or any common areas of the rest of the parcel of land upon which the residence building is located.

1m. While carrying a firearm, enters or remains in a common area in a building, or on the grounds of a building, that is a residence that is not a single-family residence if the actor does not own the residence or does not occupy any part of the residence, if the owner of the residence has notified the actor not to enter or remain in the common area or on the grounds while carrying a firearm or with that type of firearm. This subdivision does not apply to a part of the grounds of the building if that part is used for parking and the firearm is in a vehicle driven or parked in that part.

2. While carrying a firearm, enters or remains in any part of a nonresidential building, grounds of a nonresidential building, or land that the actor does not own or occupy after the owner of the building, grounds, or land, if that part of the building, grounds, or land has not been leased to another person, or the occupant of that part of the building, grounds, or land has notified the actor not to enter or remain in that part of the building, grounds, or land while carrying a firearm or with that type of firearm. This subdivision does not apply to a part of a building, grounds, or land occupied by the state or by a local governmental unit, to a privately or publicly owned building on the grounds of a university or college, or to the grounds of or land owned or occupied by a university or college, or, if the firearm is in a vehicle driven or parked in the parking facility, to any part of a building, grounds, or land used as a parking facility.

3. While carrying a firearm, enters or remains at a special event if the organizers of the special event have

notified the actor not to enter or remain at the special event while carrying a firearm or with that type of firearm. This subdivision does not apply, if the firearm is in a vehicle driven or parked in the parking facility, to any part of the special event grounds or building used as a parking facility.

4. Enters or remains in any part of a building that is owned, occupied, or controlled by the state or any local governmental unit, excluding any building or portion of a building under s. 175.60 (16) (a), if the state or local governmental unit has notified the actor not to enter or remain in the building while carrying a firearm or with that type of firearm. This subdivision does not apply to a person who leases residential or business premises in the building or, if the firearm is in a vehicle driven or parked in the parking facility, to any part of the building used as a parking facility.

5. Enters or remains in any privately or publicly owned building on the grounds of a university or college, if the university or college has notified the actor not to enter or remain in the building while carrying a firearm or with that type of firearm. This subdivision does not apply to a person who leases residential or business premises in the building or, if the firearm is in a vehicle driven or parked in the parking facility, to any part of the building used as a parking facility.

175.60 License to carry a concealed weapon.

(1) Definitions. In this section:

(d) “Licensee” means an individual holding a valid license to carry a concealed weapon issued under this section.

(j) “Weapon” means a handgun, an electric weapon, as defined in s. 941.295 (1c) (a), a knife other than a switchblade knife under s. 941.24, or a billy club.

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

“YES”

943.13 (2) (bm) 1. In this paragraph, “sign” means a sign that states a restriction imposed under subd. 2. That is at least 5 inches by 7 inches.

Note: In order to give notice under the above provisions, other than the provisions relating to single family residences, an owner or occupant must post a sign notifying persons of the restriction. If an owner or occupant of a building or part of a building is permitted to post a sign to notify that carrying of firearms is prohibited in the building or part of the building, the owner or occupant must post a sign that is located in a prominent place near all the entrances of the part of the building to which the restriction applies and it must be posted so that any individual entering the building must be reasonably expected to see the sign. If grounds of a building or land may be posted, as described above, the owner or occupant must post a sign that is located in a prominent place near all probable access points to the grounds or land to which the restriction applies and any individual entering the grounds or land can be reasonably expected to see the sign. Finally, organizers of a special event may post the special event by posting a sign that is located in a prominent place near all of the entrances to the special event and any individual attending the special even can be reasonably expected to see the sign. For all of these provisions, the sign must be at least five inches by seven inches.

Parking Lot Storage Law

175.60 (15m) Employer Restrictions.

(a) Except as provided in par. (b), an employer may prohibit a licensee or an out-of-state licensee that it employs from carrying a concealed weapon or a particular type of concealed weapon in the course of the
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licensee's or out-of-state licensee's employment or during any part of the licensee's or out-of-state licensee's course of employment.

(b) An employer may not prohibit a licensee or an out-of-state licensee, as a condition of employment, from carrying a concealed weapon, a particular type of concealed weapon, or ammunition or from storing a weapon, a particular type of weapon, or ammunition in the licensee's or out-of-state licensee's own motor vehicle, regardless of whether the motor vehicle is used in the course of employment or whether the motor vehicle is driven or parked on property used by the employer.

(21) Immunity.

(a) The department of justice, the department of transportation, and the employees of each department; clerks, as defined in sub. (11) (a) 1. a., and their staff; and court automated information systems, as defined under sub. (11) (a) 1. b., and their employees are immune from liability arising from any act or omission under this section, if done so in good faith.

(b) A person that does not prohibit an individual from carrying a concealed weapon on property that the person owns or occupies is immune from any liability arising from its decision.

(c) An employer that does not prohibit one or more employees from carrying a concealed weapon under sub. (15m) is immune from any liability arising from its decision.

Note: I put the immunity clause from WI Law here so that people will know that by allowing someone to carry a concealed firearm on their property does not open them to liability.

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

Carry Allowed in these Areas:

State Parks/State Fish Hatcheries/Wildlife Refuges **YES** **29.089**

State/National Forests: **YES**

WMA's: **YES** **29.091**

Road Side Rest Areas: **YES**

RV/Car Carry Without A Permit/License

167.31

(2) (a) Except as provided in sub. (4), no person may place, possess, or transport a firearm, bow, or crossbow in or on a motorboat with the motor running, unless the firearm is a handgun, as defined in s. 175.60 (1)(bm), unless the firearm is unloaded, or unless the bow or crossbow is unstrung or is enclosed in a carrying case.

(2) (b) Except as provided in sub. (4), no person may place, possess, or transport a firearm, bow, or crossbow in or on a vehicle, unless the firearm is a handgun, as defined in s. 175.60 (1) (bm), unless the firearm is unloaded and encased, or unless the bow or crossbow is unstrung or is enclosed in a carrying case.

(2) (c) Except as provided in sub. (4), no person may load a firearm, other than a handgun, as defined in s. 175.60 (1) (bm), in a vehicle or discharge a firearm or shoot a bolt or an arrow from a bow or crossbow in or from a vehicle.

948.605

(2) (a) Any individual who knowingly possesses a firearm at a place that the individual knows, or has reasonable cause to believe, is a school zone in or on the grounds of a school is guilty of a Class I felony. Any individual who knowingly possesses a firearm at a place that the individual knows, or has reasonable cause to believe, is within 1,000 feet of the grounds of a school is subject to a Class B forfeiture.

(2) (b) (intro.) Paragraph (a) does not apply to the possession of a firearm by any of the following:

(2) (b) 1m. A person who possesses the firearm in accordance with 18 USC 922 (q) (2) (B) (i), (iv), (v), (vi), or (vii).

Note: Wisconsin law does not allow the carrying of a loaded firearm within 1000 foot of a school unless you have a valid permit/license to carry in Wisconsin. See State vs Walls in AG Opinions.Ct Case Section.

State Preemption

66.0409 Local Regulation of Firearms.

(1) In this section:

(a) “Firearm” has the meaning given in s. 167.31 (1) (c).

(b) “Political subdivision” means a city, village, town or county.

(c) “Sport shooting range” means an area designed and operated for the practice of weapons used in hunting, skeet shooting and similar sport shooting.

(2) Except as provided in subs. (3) and (4), no political subdivision may enact an ordinance or adopt a resolution that regulates the sale, purchase, purchase delay, transfer, ownership, use, keeping, possession, bearing, transportation, licensing, permitting, registration or taxation of any firearm or part of a firearm, including ammunition and reloader components, unless the ordinance or resolution is the same as or similar to, and no more stringent than, a state statute.

(3) (a) Nothing in this section prohibits a county from imposing a sales tax or use tax under subch. V of ch. 77 on any firearm or part of a firearm, including ammunition and reloader components, sold in the county.

(b) Nothing in this section prohibits a city, village or town that is authorized to exercise village powers under s. 60.22 (3) from enacting an ordinance or adopting a resolution that restricts the discharge of a firearm.

(4) (a) Nothing in this section prohibits a political subdivision from continuing to enforce an ordinance or resolution that is in effect on November 18, 1995, and that regulates the sale, purchase, transfer, ownership, use, keeping, possession, bearing, transportation, licensing, permitting, registration or taxation of any firearm or part of a firearm, including ammunition and reloader components, if the ordinance or resolution is the same as or similar to a state statute.

(am) Nothing in this section prohibits a political subdivision from continuing to enforce until November 30, 1998, an ordinance or resolution that is in effect on November 18, 1995, and that requires a waiting period of not more than 7 days for the purchase of a handgun.

(b) If a political subdivision has in effect on November 17, 1995, an ordinance or resolution that regulates the sale, purchase, transfer, ownership, use, keeping, possession, bearing, transportation, licensing, permitting, registration or taxation of any firearm or part of a firearm, including ammunition and reloader components, and the ordinance or resolution is not the same as or similar to a state statute, the ordinance or resolution shall have no legal effect and the political subdivision may not enforce the ordinance or resolution on or after November 18, 1995.

(c) Nothing in this section prohibits a political subdivision from enacting and enforcing a zoning ordinance that regulates the new construction of a sport shooting range or when the expansion of an existing sport shooting range would impact public health and safety.

(5) A county ordinance that is enacted or a county resolution that is adopted by a county under sub. (2) or a county ordinance or resolution that remains in effect under sub. (4) (a) or (am) applies only in those towns in the county that have not enacted an ordinance or adopted a resolution under sub. (2) or that continue to enforce an ordinance or resolution under sub. (4) (a) or (am), except that this subsection does not apply to a sales or use tax that is imposed under subch. V of ch. 77.

History: 1995 a. 72; 1999 a. 150 s. 260; Stats. 1999 s. 66.0409. This section does not prohibit municipalities from enacting and enforcing zoning ordinances that apply to sport shooting ranges. *Town of Avon v. Oliver*, 2002 WI App 97, 253 Wis. 2d 647, 644 N.W.2d 260, 01-1851.

Deadly Force Laws

Chapter 939

Crimes General Provisions

Subchapter I

Preliminary Provisions

895.62 Use of Force in Response to Unlawful and Forcible Entry Into a Dwelling, Motor Vehicle, or Place of Business; Civil Liability Immunity.

939.48 Self-Defense and Defense of Others.

939.48(1) Threaten or Intentionally Use Force

939.48(2) Provocation

939.48(3) Intention

939.48(4) Defense of Others

939.48(5) Defense of Others

939.48(6) Unlawful

939.49 Defense of Property and Protection Against Retail Theft.

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

Stun Devices/Electric Weapons:

941.295 – (2) (d) 2. A person for use in his or her dwelling or place of business or on land that he or she owns, leases, or legally occupies.

941.295 (2g) The prohibition in sub. (1m) on transporting an electric weapon does not apply to any of the following:

(a) A licensee or an out-of-state licensee.

(b) An individual who is not a licensee or an out-of-state licensee who transports an electric weapon if the electric weapon is enclosed within a carrying case.

Chemical Sprays:

941.26 and Justice Regulations 14.01 UV Dye or combination sprays are not permissible. A “device or container that contains a combination of oleoresin of capsicum and inert ingredients” is permissible. By regulation, OC products with a maximum OC concentration of 10% and weight range of oleoresin of capsicum and inert ingredients of 15-60 grams is authorized. Further, the product can not be camouflaged, and must have a safety feature designed to prevent accidental discharge. In addition there are certain labeling requirements.

LEOSA State Information

See **State Law 175.48 & 175.49 and 941.23 – 941.237** (This is a new law and it may take time to get it into the code. You can also see it in Senate Bill 93 passed in 2011. Link to Bill is at the top right of this page)

Attorney General Opinions/Court Cases

[State vs Walls](#) Court Case on Openly Carried Handgun in Vehicle on Seat.

[Wisconsin Attorney General Advisory Memorandum: Open Carry is Legal](#)

Open Carry is legal in Wisconsin. The Wisconsin AG sent this [Advisory Memorandum](#) to all Law Enforcement.

Airport Carry/Misc. Information

Airport Carry: YES

Training Valid for: No Set Time Period.

Time Period to Establish Residency: ? Most Likely After Obtaining a WI Drivers License/ID Card

Minimum Age for Permit/License: 21

Permit/License Info Public Information: NO

State Fire arm Laws: 941.20 thru 941.299

State Deadly Force Laws: 939.48 & 939.49

State Knife Laws: 941.24

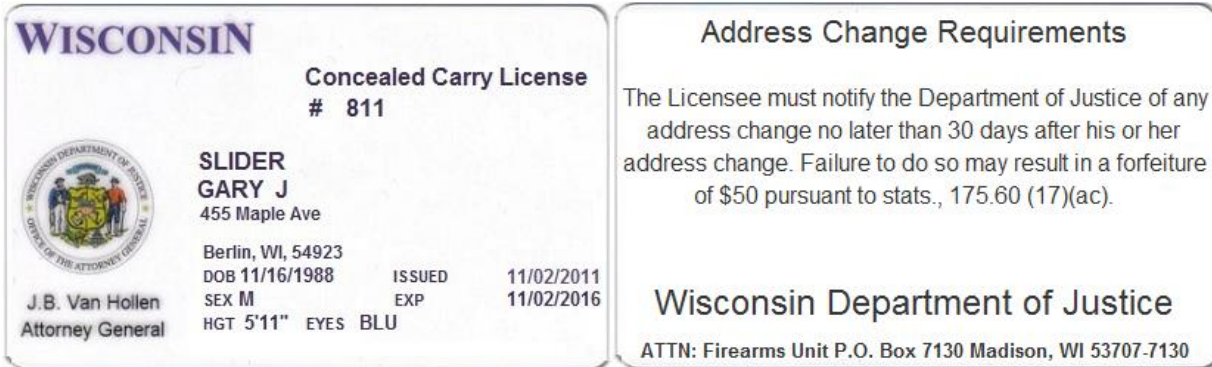
Chemical/Electric Weapons Laws: 941.26 & 941.295.

Body Armor Laws: 941.291

Does Your Permit Cover Other Weapons Besides Firearms? YES 175.60

Is carrying of a Concealed Firearm with Permit/License for Defensive Purposes Only While Hunting Legal? YES Except when Shining.

Permit/License Image



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

Notes

What Does WI Consider a Loaded Firearm?

[167.31](#) and [941.237](#)

(g) “Unloaded” means any of the following:

1. Having no shell or cartridge in the chamber of a firearm or in the magazine attached to a firearm.
2. In the case of a cap lock muzzle-loading firearm, having the cap removed.
3. In the case of a flint lock muzzle-loading firearm, having the flashpan cleaned of powder.

175.60

(j) “Weapon” means a handgun, an electric weapon, as defined in s. 941.295 (1c) (a), a knife other than a switchblade knife under s. 941.24, or a billy club.

Updates to this Page

- 4/27/09 – Letter from AG on open carry added to Permit Section.
- 8/23/09 - All links checked and repaired if needed. LEOSA Link removed. No replacement could be found.
- 8/31/09 – Law on 1000 foot of school with firearm added.
- 11/16/09 – State National Forest Open Carry Allowed. Private Property defined as pertaining to schools.
- 11/18/09 – Places Off Limits Updated.
- 5/9/10 – VT and AK added as states WI residents can carry in. Wording explaining this added to “Permits/Licenses This State Honors” section.
- 8/3/10 – Arizona added as state that IL residents can carry in.
- 1/1/11 – Notes Section Added
- 4/5/11 – All Links Checked.
- 7/10/11 – Draft Copy of Wisconsin Page Added for Suggestions/Comments.
- 7/22/11 - Link to Official State Website for information added.
- 8/2/11 – Links to FAQ’s and Bill As Act Updated at top of page.
- 8/10/11 – Link to DNR FAQ’s Added
- 8/26/11 – Draft status removed. State Links moved to right of Map.
- 9/9/11 – All Links Checked and Repaired if Needed.

- 9/23/11** – School s Being Off Limits to Permit/License Holders added to “Places off Limits.”
- 10/21/11** – CCW Admin Rules Link Added.
- 11/1/11** – Page updated with Training requirements per Admin Rules. PA Honors WI. WI Honors MT Added. MN added to list of States WI Honors. Link to Application Added.
- 11/2/11** – AR Honors WI.
- 11/4/11** – ND Honors WI. Ct Case State vs Walls added to AG Opinions/Court Cases Section. Image of License Added.
- 11/8/11** – Deadly Force Law Section Updated with Numeric Law for New Castle Doctrine Law. Training Requirements under How To Apply Section updated.
- 11/9/11** – Wisconsin and New Mexico Now Honor Each Other. Montana Honors Wisconsin.
- 11/18/11** - Subject of New Castle Doctrine Law Updated in Deadly Force Laws Section.
- 12/1/11** – North Carolina Now Honors WI.
- 12/9/11** – WI now Honors Indiana and the Virginia Non Resident Permit. They specifically state VA Non Resident on their site. Colorado Now Honors WI.
- 12/17/11** – GA AG Has confirmed that GA will honor WI.
- 12/23/11** – Louisiana Now Honors Wisconsin. NM Removed as state that honors WI because of NMDPS/Handgunlaw.us Misunderstanding. NM is still waiting on confirmation that WI Honors them.