Permitless Carry States

Notice: Click on the States Name to view information on any restrictions that may apply for those who wish to carry under that state's Permitless Carry Law. At a minimum a person should carry their state issued ID/Drivers License when carrying under Permitless Carry. Some states have places that require a Permit to Carry in some places that are off limits to those carrying under Permitless Carry.

1. Alabama - Effective date for Permitless Carry: January 1, 2023. Any person 19 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm under State and Federal Law can carry a handgun openly or concealed in the State of Alabama without a permit. Anyone with a valid permit issued by another state can carry at 18. (See HB 272 as Statute not updated at this time)

2. Alaska - Effective date for Permitless Carry: September 9, 2003. Any person 21 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm under State and Federal Law can carry a concealed handgun in the State of Alaska without a permit.

3. Arizona - Effective date for Permitless Carry: July 29, 2010. Any person 21 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm under State and Federal Law can carry a concealed handgun in the State of Arizona without a permit. Arizona law requires a valid permit from any state to carry into an establishment that serves alcohol for consumption on the premises.

4. Arkansas - Effective date for Permitless Carry: Law passed August 16, 2013. Those in positions of authority in Arkansas could not agree on what the law actually allowed. Some stated it did allow Permitless Carry and others said it didn’t. Some local authorities said they would arrest those carrying without a permit. 10/17/18 Court Ruling confirmed Permitless Carry in Arkansas. Any person 21 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm under State and Federal Law or those 18 years of age or older who are Active Military, National Guard, Reserve or Honorably Discharged Veterans can carry a concealed handgun in Arkansas without a permit.

5. Florida - Effective date for Permitless Carry: July 1, 2023. Any person 21 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm under State and Federal Law can carry a concealed handgun in the State of Florida without a permit. Concealed Carry Only.
6. **Georgia** – Effective date for Permitless Carry: **April 12, 2022.** Anyone who can legally possess a firearm under state and federal law and is 21 or older or 18 to 20 years of age and are Active Military/Honorably Discharged Veteran can carry a firearm openly or concealed without any type of Permit/License in Georgia. 18 with any States valid Permit/License. See [SB 319 2022](https://www.handgunlaw.us) as statutes may not be updated at this time. Article 1-6 - Article 4 – Part 3 [Georgia Statute § 16-11-125.1](https://www.handgunlaw.us)

7. **Indiana** – Effective date for Permitless Carry: **July 1, 2022.** Any person 18 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm under State and Federal Law can carry a handgun openly or concealed in the State of Indiana without a permit. See [HB 1296](https://www.handgunlaw.us) as statutes may not be updated at this time. [Indiana Code 35-47-2-3](https://www.handgunlaw.us)

8. **Idaho** - Effective date for Permitless Carry: **July 1, 2022.** Any U.S. Citizen 18 years of age or older or a member of the U.S. Armed Forces who can legally possess a firearm under State and Federal Law can carry a concealed handgun in Idaho without any type of permit. [Idaho Statute § 18-3302](https://www.handgunlaw.us)

9. **Iowa** - Effective date for Permitless Carry: **July 1, 2021.** Any person 21 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm under State and Federal Law can carry a handgun openly or concealed in the State of Iowa without a permit. [Iowa Statute § 724.5](https://www.handgunlaw.us)

10. **Kansas** - Effective date for Permitless Carry: **July 1, 2015** Any person 21 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm under State and Federal Law can carry a concealed handgun in the State of Kansas without a permit. Active Military and their Dependents at 18. [Kansas Statute § 21-6302](https://www.handgunlaw.us)

11. **Kentucky** - Effective date for Permitless Carry: **June 27, 2019** Any person 21 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm under State and Federal Law can carry a concealed handgun in the State of Kentucky without a permit. [Kentucky Statute § 237.109](https://www.handgunlaw.us)

12. **Louisiana** – (Limited) Limited to Louisiana Residents with Military Service. Effective date for Limited Permitless Carry: **August 1, 2022**

   **R.S. 40:1379.3** (B)(2)(a) A Louisiana resident who meets the qualifications of **R.S. 14:95(M)** shall not be required to possess a valid concealed handgun permit issued by the state of Louisiana pursuant to the provisions of this Section in order to carry a concealed handgun in the state of Louisiana. [SB 143 2022](https://www.handgunlaw.us)

   **R.S. 40:14:95** Illegal Carrying of Weapons

   A. Illegal carrying of weapons is any of the following:

   (1)(a) The intentional concealment of any firearm, or other instrumentality customarily used or intended for probable use as a dangerous weapon, on one's person.

   (b) The provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply to a person with a valid concealed handgun permit issued pursuant to R.S. 40:1379.1.1, 1379.3, or 1379.3.2 nor shall it prohibit a person with a valid concealed handgun permit issued pursuant to R.S. 40:1379.1.1, 1379.3, or 1379.3.2 from carrying a concealed firearm or other instrumentality customarily used or intended for probable use as a dangerous weapon on his person unless otherwise prohibited by this Section.

   M. The provisions of Paragraph (A)(1) of this Section shall not apply to a resident of Louisiana if all of the following conditions are met:

   (1) The person is twenty-one years of age or older.

   (2) The person is not prohibited from possessing a firearm under R.S.14:95.1, R.S. 40:1379.3(C)(5)

   Through (17), 18 U.S.C. 922(g), or any other state or federal law.
(3)(a) The person is a reserve or active-duty member of any branch of the United States Armed Forces; a member of the Louisiana National Guard or the Louisiana Air National Guard; or a former member of any branch of the United States Armed Forces, the Louisiana National Guard, or the Louisiana Air National Guard who has been honorably discharged from service.

(b) At all times that a person is in possession of a concealed handgun pursuant to R.S. 40:1379.3(B)(2), that person shall have on his person proof that he meets the qualifications of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph demonstrated by one of the following:

(i) A valid military identification card.

(ii) A valid driver's license issued by the state of Louisiana displaying the word "Veteran" pursuant to R.S. 32:412(K).

(iii) A valid special identification card issued by the state of Louisiana displaying the word "Veteran" pursuant to R.S. 40:1321(K).

(iv) For a member released from service who does not qualify to have the word "Veteran" displayed on a state issued driver's license or special identification card, a Department of Defense Form 214 (DD-214) indicating the character of service as "Honorable" or "Under Honorable Conditions (General)" and a valid driver's license or special identification card issued by the state of Louisiana.

13. **Maine** - Effective date for Permitless Carry: **October 12, 2015** Maine’s Permitless Carry applies to any person 21 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm under State and Federal Law. Active Military or Honorably Discharged Veterans 18 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm can carry a concealed handgun without a permit. Permits Maine issues/honors can carry in some places that those carrying under Permitless Carry can’t legally carry. Maine also does not honor all other states but only states that honor them. Click on the states name for more information on Maine. [Maine Statute 252 § 2001-A](https://www.handgunlaw.us)

14. **Mississippi** - Effective date for Permitless Carry: **July 1, 2015** Any person 18 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm under State and Federal Law can carry a concealed handgun in the State of Mississippi without a permit. [Mississippi Statutes § 97-37-1 & § 45-9-101](https://www.handgunlaw.us)

15. **Missouri** - Effective date for Permitless Carry: **January 1, 2017** Any person who can legally possess a firearm under State and Federal Law and is 19 years of age. Military 18 years of age can carry a concealed handgun in Missouri without a permit. [Missouri Statute Title XXXVIII § 571.030](https://www.handgunlaw.us)

16. **Montana** - Montana passed limited Permitless Carry in September 15, 1991. Statewide Permitless Carry became effective **February 18, 2021.** Any person 18 or older who can legally possess a firearm under State and Federal Law can carry a concealed handgun without a permit. [Montana Statutes § 45-8-316](https://www.handgunlaw.us)

17. **Nebraska** – (Not Effective Until September 10, 2023) Any person 21 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm under State and Federal Law can carry a concealed handgun in the State of Nebraska without a permit. [Nebraska Statutes § 69-2441 & § 69-2445](https://www.handgunlaw.us)

18. **New Hampshire** - Effective date for Permitless Carry: **February 22, 2017** Any person 18 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm under State and Federal Law can carry a concealed handgun in the State of New Hampshire without a permit. [New Hampshire Statute Title XII § 159:6](https://www.handgunlaw.us)

19. **North Dakota** - (Limited) Effective date of Permitless Carry: **August, 1, 2017** North Dakota Permitless Carry only applies to Residents of North Dakota 18 or older who can legally possess a firearm under State and Federal Law. They must be a resident for at least one month before they can carry a
concealed handgun under Permitless Carry in North Dakota as shown by their North Dakota Drivers Licenses or State Issued ID. No Permitless Open Carry.

North Dakota Statutes § 62.1-03-01 & § 62.1-04-02 & § 62.1-04-04

20. Ohio - Effective date of Permitless Carry June 13, 2022. Any person 21 years of age or older or Active U.S. Military Personnel that have firearms training and can legally possess a firearm under State and Federal Law and meet the requirements of Ohio Statute 2923.125 (You should read all of 2923.125) can carry a handgun openly or concealed in Ohio without any type of permit/license. 18 if you have a permit to carry from any state.

Ohio Statute 2923.111

21. Oklahoma - Effective date for Permitless Carry: November 1, 2019 Any person 21 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm under State and Federal Law can carry a concealed handgun in Oklahoma. Active Members of the US Military, National Guard or Reserves or an Honorably Discharged Veteran 18 or older can carry a concealed handgun in Oklahoma without a permit. Oklahoma also limits the maximum caliber a person can carry to .45

Oklahoma Statutes Title 21, Chpt. 53 O.S. § 1272

22. South Dakota - Effective date for Permitless Carry: July 1, 2019 Any person 18 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm under State and Federal Law can carry a concealed handgun in the State of South Dakota without a permit.

South Dakota Statute § 23-7-7

23. Tennessee - Effect date for Permitless Carry: July 1, 2021. Any person 18 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm under State and Federal Law can carry openly or concealed in the State of Tennessee without a permit. The Person is in a place where the person is lawfully present. There are places where a permit is still needed to carry in some areas of Tennessee. National/State/City Parks plus other areas. Click on states name for more information.

Tennessee Statute § 39-17-1307

24. Texas - Effective date for Permitless Carry September 1, 2021. Any person 18 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm under State and Federal Law can carry a handgun in the State of Texas without a permit. Texas has places off limits for those carrying under Permitless carry that is legal for those with a permit Texas Issues or Honors.

Texas Penal Code § 46.02

25. Utah – Effective date for Permitless Carry. May 5 2021. Any person 21 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm under State and Federal Law can carry a Concealed Handgun in Utah without a permit.

Utah Statute § 76-10-523

26. Vermont - Effective date for Permitless Carry: March 4, 1791 Laws usually tells us what we can’t do. Vermont doesn’t have a law saying carrying a concealed firearm for self defense is illegal. Any person 18 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm under State and Federal Law can carry a concealed handgun in the State of Vermont without a permit.

Vermont Statutes Title 13: Chpt. 85: § 4003

27. West Virginia - Effective date for Permitless Carry: May 26, 2016 Under Permitless Carry U.S Citizens or legal residents 21 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm under State and Federal Law or active members of the Military, Reserves or National Guard 18 and older can carry a concealed handgun without a permit. Military under 21 must have their Military ID. West Virginia does not honor all other states permits. Without a permit West Virginia Issues or Honors you can’t have a loaded firearm inside your vehicle on K-12 property.

West Virginia Statute § 61-7-7 & § 61-7-6

28. Wyoming - Effective dates for Permitless Carry: July 1, 2011 was restricted to Wyoming residents only. July 1, 2021 Statute passed to allow any person 21 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm under State and Federal Law and a resident of the USA can carry a concealed handgun in WY without a permit.

Wyoming Statute § 6-8-104

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**Notice:** When carrying a firearm in any state you must go by the Laws/Regulations on carrying firearms in that state. It is your responsibility to know those Laws/Regulations. If states restricts Permitless Carry to just their residents the listing states that. Active Military or Veterans who can carry under that exemption in some states (Under 21) should carry their military ID or if discharged their DD214. Some of the listed states may allow the carrying of other weapons under their Permitless Carry statutes. All states listed above still issue permits to carry except Vermont which has never required a permit to carry. For more information on Permitless Carry and other state specific laws click on the states name for addition information on that state with links to state resources.  

**Updates to This Page:**

**Links Checked: 2/1/2023**

6/10/2021 – Texas Entry Added.
7/1/2021 – Note in Entry stating Not Effective Until 7/1/2021 Removed from Iowa, Tennessee and Wyoming Entries.
4/13/2022 – Alabama, Georgia, Indiana and Ohio Entries Added.
6/2/2022 – Wording in Tennessee Entry Updated with Additional Info on Places Permit is Required.
6/13/2022 – Ohio Now a Permitless Carry State.
7/1/2022 – Indiana Now a Permitless Carry State.
7/17/2022 – Louisiana Entry Added to Listing but only applies to Residents of Louisiana and must have Military Service.
8/4/2022 – All Links Checked and Repaired if Needed.
11/17/2022 – Map Added.
1/1/2023 – Alabama Now a Permitless Carry State.
1/27/2023 – Tennessee Now 18 for Permitless Carry per Court Case.
2/1/2023 – Texas Entry Age is now 18 Due to Court Case TX didn’t Appeal.
4/4/2023 – Florida Entry Added. Map will be updated when new law takes effect July 1, 2023.
5/1/2023 – Nebraska Entry Added. Map will be updated when new law takes effect September 10, 2023.
7/1/2023 – Map Updated to Show Florida Now Permitless Carry State.