

DISCLAIMER

The contents of all material are intended to provide useful information for permit holders and are not to be construed as legal advice. For current and up to date laws regarding concealed handgun permits, please refer

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can I carry a handgun in my car with/without a permit?

Yes, Statute 18-12-204

The handgun can be anywhere in your vehicle and does not have to be visible.

Can I have a loaded handgun in my car with/without a permit?

Yes, Statute 36-6-125

Pistol / Revolver = Yes.

Shotgun / Rifle = Yes, but there cannot be a round chambered.

Can I have a gun in my car with/without a permit in Denver?

Please familiarize yourself with the local law before carrying or transporting handguns anywhere within a home-rule city. The Denver Municipal Code is available at:

<http://www.denvergov.org/clerkandrecorder/ClerkandRecorder/RecordsRecording/MunicipalCode/tabid/438629/Default.aspx>.

Can I carry concealed in parks?

City Parks = Yes, with a permit.

State Parks = Yes, in designated areas. CSP Regulation Article IV 106 (a)(1).

National Parks = Yes, must comply with State/Federal Regulations (36 CFR 261.10 (d)).

National Forest = Yes, must comply with State/Federal Regulations (36 CFR 261.10 (d)).

Can I carry concealed in a restaurant, bar, or other private business establishment?

Yes, Statute 18-12-214

However, a person may not carry where a private property owner, private tenant, private employer or private business entity prohibits weapons.

It is unlawful to possess a firearm while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance.

Can local government prohibit weapons in public facilities?

Yes, Statute 18-12-214 / 29-11.7-104

Can I carry concealed on school grounds?

No, Statute 18-12-105.5

Carrying a concealed weapon on your person on public school grounds is a felony in the state of Colorado, regardless of whether you have a permit. (Security guards employed by the school district excepted).

However, a permittee may have a handgun on the real property of the public school so long as the handgun remains in his/her vehicle and if the permittee is not in the vehicle, the handgun is in a compartment within the vehicle and the vehicle is locked. Statute 18-12-214

Do Universities and Colleges have different rules?

Yes. Regent Policy for Universities in Colorado prohibits guns anywhere on campus to include parking lots. State colleges can have their own policies so you will need to check with each individual college.

If there is a “no display of firearms sign” on a business or public building, can I still carry concealed?

Yes, unless other prohibitions apply.

Do I have to notify the officer that I am a permit holder and have a handgun if I get pulled over?

No. However, if the officer asks you if you have a handgun, you must tell him/her “yes”. A peace officer may temporarily disarm a permittee, incident to a lawful stop of the permittee. The peace officer shall return the handgun to the permittee prior to discharging the permittee from the scene.

Where am I prohibited to carry concealed?

Statute 18-12-214

2) Anywhere prohibited by federal law.

3) ...real property, or into any improvements erected thereon, of a public elementary, middle, junior high, or high school.

4) A permit issued pursuant to this part 2 does not authorize a person to carry a concealed handgun into a public building at which:

(a) Security personnel and electronic weapons screening devices are permanently in place at each entrance to the building;

(b) Security personnel electronically screen each person who enters the building to determine whether the person is carrying a weapon of any kind; and

(c) Security personnel require each person who is carrying a weapon of any kind to leave the weapon in possession of security personnel while the person is in the building.

5) Nothing in this part 2 shall be construed to limit, restrict, or prohibit in any manner the existing rights of a private property owner, private tenant, private employer, or private business entity.

I am moving....what do I do?

Within 30 days after a permittee changes the address specified on his or her permit, the permittee shall notify the El Paso County Sheriff's Office, in writing, of the change of address. A change of address form is located on the El Paso County Sheriff's Office website.