

## 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 to appropriate statutes.

## COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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

**Yes, Statute 18-12-204**

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

### Can I have a loaded gun 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 weapons anywhere within a home-rule city. The Denver Municipal Code is available at:

<http://www.denvergov.org/redirect/404/tabid/367615/tabid/381063/default.aspx?>

### Can I carry concealed in parks?

**City Parks** = Concealed? Yes, with a permit. Open? Varies by local ordinance.

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

**National Parks** = Not at this time; new regulation pending court decision.

**National Forest** = Yes – must comply with State/Federal Regulation (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 18-12-213*

### 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 weapon if I get pulled over?

**No,**

However, if the officer asks you if you have a weapon, you must tell him “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.

## RECIPROCITY

Colorado law (CRS 18-12-213) states that Colorado will recognize a valid permit issued in another state IF the permittee is 21 years of age or older AND the other state recognizes Colorado permits as valid in their state.

**Reciprocity of Concealed Handgun Permits is for travel only. Once you permanently move from the State of Colorado, you must notify the El Paso County Sheriff's Office within 30 days or you can be charged with a petty offense. Once permanently a resident of another state, your Colorado permit will become invalid. When you become a permanent resident of the state of Colorado, you must apply for a Colorado Concealed Handgun Permit and your out of state permit will no longer be recognized.**

For the most current list of states, or to obtain information regarding a state without reciprocity, log on to any of the listed website references provided. **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH THE CONCEALED-CARRY LAWS OF ANY STATE WITHIN WHICH YOU WISH TO TRAVEL WITH A CONCEALED WEAPON.**

As of March 10, 2009 the following states have reciprocity with Colorado.

Alabama	Louisiana	South Dakota
Alaska	Michigan	Tennessee
Arizona	Mississippi	Texas
Arkansas	Missouri	Utah
Delaware	Montana	Wyoming
Florida	New Hampshire	
Georgia	New Mexico	
Idaho	North Carolina	
Indiana	North Dakota	
Kansas	Oklahoma	
Kentucky	Pennsylvania	

## WEBSITE REFERENCES

[shr.elpasoco.com](http://shr.elpasoco.com)

[www.cbi.state.co.us](http://www.cbi.state.co.us)

[www.carryconcealed.net](http://www.carryconcealed.net)

[www.csoc.org](http://www.csoc.org)

[www.nraila.org/Legislation/Read](http://www.nraila.org/Legislation/Read)

[www.rmgo.org](http://www.rmgo.org)

[www.atf.com](http://www.atf.com)

These websites are for reference only. The El Paso County Sheriff's Office does not endorse any of the above listed websites, nor does it take responsibility for any information contained therein.

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