

between the purchase and retail delivery of any handgun. A 1998 revision to the state constitution grants individual counties to increase that period to 5 days. However, waiting periods do not apply to concealed weapon license holders.

FIREARM REGISTRATION

There is no requirement for weapon or firearm registration in the state of Florida regardless of whether the person has a concealed weapons permit or not.

FIREARM SAFETY TIPS

- Never store or handle a loaded firearm in the home. Tragedy can occur during a single instance of negligence.
- Keep a trigger-locking device on the firearm, in addition to keeping it locked away, as an additional safety factor. There is no such thing as overemphasizing firearm safety.
- Lock firearms and ammunition in separate locations. This is a good backup precaution.
- Never point a firearm at anyone, loaded or unloaded. Too often the unintentional discharge of guns, even those believed to be unloaded, has killed or wounded innocent persons.
- Educate everyone in the home about firearms safety — especially children. Firearms are not toys. Emphasize the danger in, and outside, the home. Give reinforcement training frequently.

Firearm owners must always remember that a firearm may protect life, but it can also be a potential deadly threat to innocent persons. The proper storing and handling of a firearm must always be foremost in the mind of the owner who is responsible for the safety of those in the home. [Section 790.174](#), Florida Statutes, requires a loaded firearm in the home to be stored in a locked box container or secured with a trigger lock if the owner reasonably knows that a child under the age of 16 can gain access to the firearm. A violation of this law is a misdemeanor.

For further information concerning the application for a Florida Concealed Weapon License or guidance for current permit holders, please visit <https://www.fdacs.gov/Consumer-Resources/Concealed-Weapon-License>.

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ACSO Important Phone Numbers

ACSO Main Administration	352.367.4000
Crime Prevention Unit	352.374.1800
Crime Stoppers & Gun Bounty	352.372.7867
Dept. of the Jail	352.491.4444
Evidence Section	352.367-4076
Human Resources	352.367.4040
Narcotics Tip Line	352.374.1849
Patrol	352.367.4101
Public Information	352.367.4050
Property Unit	352.367.4078
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CONCEALED CARRY

HOW TO OBTAIN A LICENSE TO CARRY A CONCEALED WEAPON OR FIREARM IN FLORIDA



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WAYS TO APPLY

- **Online** at <https://laso.freshfromflorida.com/>
- **In Person** at a Florida Department of Agricultural and Consumer Services (FDACS) Regional Office or an authorized Florida tax collector's office. You must make an appointment.
Jacksonville Regional Office
7825 Baymeadows Way, Ste. 106-A
Jacksonville, FL 32256-7557
(904) 828-3100
- **By Mail** to Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
Division of Licensing
P.O. Box 6687
Tallahassee, FL 32314-6687

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for a Florida Concealed Weapon License, you must:

- Be 21 years of age or older.
- Demonstrate proficiency with a firearm.
- Reside in the U.S. unless you are active duty military serving overseas.

WHO IS NOT ELIGIBLE

There are several disqualifying conditions that will result in the ineligibility of the applicant and the denial of the application. Some of them are:

- Physical inability to handle a firearm.
- A felony or certain misdemeanor convictions.
- A record of drug or alcohol abuse (or arrests for drug offenses).
- Two or more DUI convictions within the previous 3 years.
- Commitment to a mental institution or adjudgment of mental incompetence.
- Subject of a domestic violence injunction.

- Renunciation of U.S. citizenship.
- Dishonorable discharge from the US Armed Forces.
- Fugitive from justice.

PROCESSING TIME

The normal turnaround time for an application is 50 to 55 days, but be aware that FDACS has up to 90 days to approve or deny an application. Your wait time may be longer than 90 days if your application is incomplete.

You may check on the status of your application online at <https://licensing.freshfromflorida.com/CWStatusCheck/CWStatusChk.aspx>.

RECIPROCITY

37 other states have some form of reciprocity agreement with Florida regarding to concealed carry. Prior to traveling to another state, consult that state's laws or contact a law enforcement agency in that state for specific restrictions. Many states will only allow concealed carry of handguns or pistols.

LICENSE RENEWAL

Your Florida concealed weapons permit is good for seven years, at which time you must renew. FDACS will send you a renewal application form approximately 95 days prior to the expiration of your license.

POSSESSION RESTRICTIONS

A concealed carry permit does not afford carte blanche permission to carry a weapon in public. The following is a list of places that prohibits the carrying of a weapon. (For a full list, consult [Section 790.06\(12\)](#) of the Florida Statutes.

- Any police, sheriff, or highway patrol station.
- Any place of nuisance as defined in [F.S. 823.05](#).
- Any detention facility, prison, or jail.
- Any courtroom or courthouse.
- Any polling place.
- Any meeting of the governing body of a county, public school district, municipality, or special district.
- Any meeting of the Legislature or a legislative

committee.

- Any school, college, or professional athletic event not related specifically to firearms.
- Any school administration building.
- Any portion of an establishment licensed to dispense alcoholic beverages for consumption.
- Any elementary or secondary school facility.
- Any college, university, or area technical center.
- Inside the passenger terminal and sterile area of any airport.
- Any place where the carrying of firearms is prohibited by federal law.

WEAPONS IN VEHICLES

Florida law permits individuals the right to possess and transport a firearm or other weapon for self-defense within the interior of a private conveyance, without a concealed weapons license provided the firearm or other weapon is securely encased or otherwise not readily accessible for immediate use. For example, in a glove compartment, snapped in a holster, secured in a zippered gun case or other closed box or container which requires a lid or cover to be opened for access.

LAWFUL SELF-DEFENSE

[Section 776.012](#), Florida Statutes (F.S.), governs the justifiable use of force, including deadly force by private citizens. The link to this particularly important law is provided to our concealed weapon license holders and applicants to ensure access to the most up-to-date statutory language outlining acceptable use of force by Floridians.

OPEN CARRY

A concealed weapons permit grants individuals the right to carry a concealed firearm, but [F.S. 790.053](#) specifically prohibits the open carrying of any firearm or electric weapon or device.

MANDATORY WAITING PERIODS FOR PURCHASE

Florida law imposes a mandatory 3-day waiting period, excluding weekends or legal holidays