

Reciprocity of concealed handgun permits is for traveling or visiting only. A Colorado resident cannot legally carry concealed in-state using a non-resident permit issued by any other state.

STATUTE 18-12-213

Colorado will recognize a valid permit to carry a concealed handgun that was issued in a reciprocal state if the permit was issued to a resident of the state that issued the permit. The permit holder must have a valid driver's license or identification card issued from the same state that issued the permit. The permit holder must be 21 years of age or older. When you become a resident of the state of Colorado, you must apply for a Colorado Concealed Handgun Permit. Your valid permit issued from a reciprocal state will only be recognized for 90 days after the date your valid Colorado driver's license or identification card was issued.

RECIPROCITY WITH COLORADO



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It is your responsibility to familiarize yourself with the laws of any state within which you wish to travel with a concealed handgun.

I am moving, what do I do?

If you move out of the state of Colorado and become a resident of another state, your Colorado permit will no longer be valid. The change of address/lost permit form can be located on the El Paso County Sheriff's Office website.

STATUTE 18-12-210

"Within 30 days after a permittee changes the address specified on her or her permit...the permittee shall notify the issuing Sheriff of the change of address."

WEBSITE REFERENCES

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



- epcsheriffsoffice.com
- cbi.colorado.gov
- csoc.org
- atf.gov

CONCEALED HANDGUN PROGRAM



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



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COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can I have a loaded or unloaded handgun in my vehicle with or without a permit?

Yes, per Statue 18-12-204: The handgun (pistol or revolver) can be anywhere in your vehicle and does not have to be visible.

What about driving in Colorado?

Yes, per Statue 18-12-105.6: You may travel with a handgun in your private vehicle while in Colorado counties, cities, and municipalities.

STATUTE 33-6-125

"It is unlawful for any person, except a person authorized by law or by the division, to possess or have under the person's control any firearm, other than a **pistol or revolver**, in or on any motor vehicle unless the chamber of the firearm is unloaded."

If contacted by law enforcement, do I need to notify the officer that I have a permit and in possession of a handgun?

No, per Statue 18-12-204(2)(a): You must carry your permit along with valid photo ID at all times when in possession of a concealed handgun and available upon demand of a law enforcement officer.

STATUTE 18-12-214 (1) (b)

"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."

Am I eligible for a permit if I use medical or recreational marijuana?

No, per Statue 18-12-203(1)(f): The Sheriff cannot issue a permit to any applicant who is an unlawful user of or addicted to a controlled substance.

STATUTE 18-18-105 (5)

"Controlled substance means a drug, substance, or immediate precursor included in schedules 1 through V of part 2 of this article, including cocaine, marijuana, marijuana concentrate, cathinones, any synthetic cannabinoid, and salvia divinorum."

Can I carry a concealed handgun on public school grounds if I am a permit holder?

No, per Statue 18-12-204: Carrying a weapon on your person on public school grounds is a felony in the state of Colorado.

STATUTE 18-12-214 (3) (a)

"A permittee may have a handgun on the real property of the public school so long as the handgun remains in her/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."

What about private colleges or universities?

Per Statue 18-12-105.5: If you wish to carry on a private campus, review their policies regarding firearms. Consult legal counsel with any specific questions.

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

Yes, per Statue 18-12-214: However a person may not carry where a private property owner, tenant, employer, or business entity prohibits weapons.

STATUTE 18-12-106 (1) (d)

"A person commits a class 2 misdemeanor if:
(d) The person has in his or her possession a firearm while the person is under the influence of intoxicating liquor or of a controlled substance."

What if there is a "No Display of Firearms" sign on a business or public building?

Yes: You may carry a concealed handgun unless other prohibitions apply.

Am I required to have my permit and my Colorado Drivers License/ID while carrying concealed?

Yes, per Statue 18-12-204(a): You must carry the permit, together with the valid photo ID at all times when in possession of a concealed handgun.

PROHIBITED CONCEALED CARRY LOCATIONS

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 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.

CONCEALED CARRY 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 16 USC 1a-7b

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

LOST OR STOLEN PERMIT / CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The change of address/lost permit form can be located on the El Paso County Sheriff's Office website. Failure to notify the Sheriff's Office within the specified time frame is a civil infraction.

STATUTE 18-12-210

"Within 3 business days after his or her permit is lost, stolen, or destroyed, the permittee shall notify the issuing sheriff. If the permit is lost, stolen, or destroyed, the permit is automatically invalid."