For the Missouri State Highway Patrol Headquarters nearest you, consult your local telephone directory.

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1-888-SOR-MSHP
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MISSOURI CONCEALED WEAPONS LAW

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How does this law affect the old peaceable journey exception?

A: It does not. You may still carry a concealed weapon in your vehicle on a continuous peaceable journey through the state. This includes Missourians whose trip begins and/or ends in Missouri.

Q: What if I'm stopped by law enforcement? Any suggestions?

A: Where possible, it's best to stay seated in your vehicle, with both hands on the steering wheel. Do not reach to an area where your firearm is concealed without first advising the officer that you possess a firearm in your vehicle or on your person.

Q: Does a person carrying a weapon in a vehicle also have to have a permit for the gun?

A: No. A weapon may be carried anywhere in a vehicle under the vehicle exception.

Q: Does a concealed carry permit allow a holder to carry a concealed pistol on a public bus?

A: No. Only law enforcement, commercial security personnel, and persons with consent of the owner are exempt from this provision. (See Section 578.305, RSMo.)

Q: What if I fail to update my permit when I move or change my name?

A: Contact your local sheriff's department.

Q: How long is my concealed carry permit valid?

A: Effective January 1, 2014, sheriffs will issue concealed carry permits that are valid for five years.

Q: What happens if a disqualifying fact is discovered after the permit is issued?

A: There are provisions for the sheriff to revoke a person's permit. The sheriff will notify the Concealed Carry Permit System in the event a permit is revoked.

Obtaining A Concealed Weapon Permit – Eligibility

A Missouri resident must be at least 19 years old to apply for a concealed and carry permit, with a few exceptions. A person who is at least 18 years old and is a member of the United States Armed Forces, or is honorably discharged from the U.S. Armed Forces, is a citizen of the United States and has assumed residency, and is stationed in Missouri may apply for a Missouri concealed carry permit. The spouse of a member of the U.S. Armed Forces stationed in Missouri who is 19 years old may also apply for a Missouri concealed carry permit.

If you wish to obtain a concealed weapon permit, you must first complete a firearms safety course at least eight hours in length. Check with your local sheriff's office for the most recent qualification standards. Once the firearms safety course is completed, the next step is to apply for the permit at your local sheriff's office. You must present a copy of the firearms training course certificate, complete an application, and pay a non-refundable fee of $100. You may apply only in the county in which you reside. The application to the local sheriff (or police chief, if applicable, in first class counties) will contain a sworn statement.

This statement verifies the applicant:

- meets the age requirement.
- is a citizen or permanent resident of the United States.
- has assumed residency in Missouri, or is an armed forces member or spouse stationed in Missouri.
- has not been convicted, or pled guilty or nolo contendre to any felony.
- has no weapons-related misdemeanor conviction.
- has not been convicted within the past five years of a violent misdemeanor.
- has not been convicted of two or more misdemeanors involving DWI or possession or abuse of a controlled substance within the past five years.
- is not a fugitive.
- is not currently charged with a felony.
- has not been dishonorably discharged from the armed forces.
- has not been adjudged mentally incompetent within the past five years.
- has received the required firearms safety training.
- is not the respondent of a valid full order of protection.

To obtain a Missouri CCW permit contact the sheriff in the county of your residency or the Missouri Sheriffs' Association at:

573-635-5925
WWW.MOSHERIFFS.COM

Concealed Weapons May NOT Be Carried:

In accordance with Section 571.107 RSMo., you may not carry a concealed weapon in the following places:

- any police, sheriff, or Highway Patrol office or station without consent;
- within 25 feet of any polling place on Election Day;
- adult or juvenile jail or institution;
- courthouse or facilities;
- any meeting of a government body (except by a member of the governing body with a concealed carry permit);
- bar without consent;
- airport;
- where prohibited by federal law;
- schools;
- child care facility (without consent of manager);
- riverboat gambling facility;
- amusement parks;
- any church or place of worship without permission of minister or person representing religious organization;
- any sports arena or stadium (with seating for more than 5,000);
- hospitals; and
- private or public property where posted.

Possession of a firearm in a vehicle on the premises of any of the above-listed locations is not prohibited so long as the firearm is not removed from the vehicle or brandished while the vehicle is on the premises. Carrying a concealed firearm in any location specified above is not a criminal act. However, you can be denied access to the premises or may be removed from the premises for doing so. If a peace officer is summoned:

- Upon the first offense, you can be cited and fined up to $100.
- If within six months, a second offense occurs, you can be fined up to $200, and your concealed firearms permit can be suspended for a period of one year.
- If within one year of the first offense a third citation for a similar violation is issued, you may be fined up to $500, and your concealed carry permit revoked. If your concealed carry permit is revoked, you are not eligible for the permit for a period of three years.

Carrying A Weapon In A Vehicle

In addition to the concealed carry permit discussed above, Missouri now permits any person who is at least 19 years old to transport a concealable firearm in the passenger compartment of a motor vehicle. No concealed carry permit is required. The peaceable journey exception is still in the law, and may apply in circumstances where the new law does not (i.e. if the person is less than 19 years old).

Note: *This law does not affect the statute prohibiting possession of a concealable firearm by a dangerous felon.*

Additional Information

- It is unlawful to have a firearm or projectile weapon readily capable of lethal use on his or her person, while he or she is intoxicated, and handles or otherwise uses such firearm or projectile weapon in either a negligent or unlawful manner or discharges such firearm or projectile weapon unless acting in self-defense.
- Missouri's carrying concealed law recognizes all out-of-state permits, including those from out-of-state political subdivisions. Also, keep in mind that Missouri's peaceable journey law will apply to travelers, including those who do not have a permit.
- Out-of-state residents cannot obtain a Missouri concealed carry permit. However, nothing prohibits Missouri residents from obtaining a concealed carry permit from another state, and those permits would be valid in Missouri.
- Not all states honor Missouri's concealed weapons permit. It is the responsibility of the permit holder to comply with the laws of all states/jurisdictions in which he carries a concealed weapon.