

CONCEALED CARRY Q & A

Q: Do I have to get a license before I get training?

A: No. In fact, it is recommended that people get training first.

Q: How much training do I need?

A: You must complete a minimum of 12 hours of state approved training, including two hours of "Live Fire" on a firing range, a written test, and a physical demonstration of firearm competency provided by a certified trainer.

Q: What does the license cost?

A: The law says up to \$55.00 may be charged for a license. However, if a federal criminal history check is required of an applicant who has been an Ohio resident for less than 5 years, the cost is \$79.00.

Q: Is the cost of training part of the license fee?

A: No. The training is an additional charge.



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OHIO'S CONCEALED CARRY LAW



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TRAFFIC STOPS

If you are stopped by a law enforcement officer, you must comply with all lawful orders given to you by the officer. Do not have contact with your handgun unless told to do so by the law enforcement officer. Failure to comply with this specification could result in felony charges being filed against you.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

To begin the process, apply with your local sheriff's office or a sheriff's office in an adjoining county. The completed application will include: appropriate fees, evidence of competency certification, fingerprints, and a photograph.

CRITERIA FOR ISSUING THE LICENSE

- You must be an Ohio resident for more than 45 days prior to submitting your application.
- You must be at least 21 years of age.
- You cannot be a fugitive from justice, under indictment, charged, convicted, or pled guilty to specific felonies or misdemeanors, including acts of violence or drugs.
- You cannot be under a criminal or civil protection order.
- You cannot have been adjudicated mentally incompetent, and you cannot be drug or alcohol dependent.

IDENTIFICATION

When carrying a handgun, you must have another valid form of government identification in addition to your handgun license.

CARRY ZONES

The right to carry a concealed handgun is prohibited in police stations, sheriff offices, highway patrol posts, airport terminals, courthouses, school safety zones, and the like. For a more complete list and/or further explanation of the laws regulating carrying a handgun, a private attorney should be consulted.

TRANSPORTING IN MOTOR VEHICLES

A loaded handgun can be transported in a vehicle, however certain stipulations apply. A person may not carry a loaded handgun within a vehicle if they are under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Additionally, the gun must be on your person or secured inside of the vehicle.

REQUIREMENTS

You must provide proof of a competency certification when applying for a handgun license. Competency can be established by completing an approved firearms safety course, which contains certain minimum educational requirements. Training may be provided by instructors approved by the National Rifle Association or the Ohio Officer Training Commission.

DEADLY FORCE

You have a privilege to carry a concealed weapon, but it is your responsibility to be familiar with the law regarding the use of deadly force. In Ohio, deadly force can be used only to prevent serious bodily harm or death. It can never be used to protect property only. If the use of deadly force is not justified, the accused may be liable both criminally and civilly.

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Attorney General's
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