



State-by-State Danger of Overriding Concealed Carry Laws

While all 50 states allow the concealed carry of firearms, permitting standards vary dramatically across the country. **This chart shows each state's standards, in addition to federal law, for who is too dangerous or irresponsible for a permit.** Under concealed carry reciprocity, each state would be forced to recognize permits from all other states. **All of these permitting standards would be undermined.** Your state could not stop visitors from carrying concealed firearms—even if they have never fired a gun, have been convicted of violent crimes or stalking, have abused their dating partners, or otherwise pose a danger to the public.

	Safety Training Required	Live-Fire Experience Required	Must Be 21 Years Old	Issuer Can Deny Dangerous People	No Convicted Stalkers	No Crime of Violence Convictions ¹	No Abusive Dating Partners ²	No Drunk Drivers (Multiple Convictions) ³
Alabama				✓				
Alaska	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓
Arizona	✓		✓		✓		✓	
Arkansas	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓
California	✓			✓+	✓	✓	✓	
Colorado	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓
Connecticut	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Delaware	✓	✓		✓+	✓	✓	✓	
Florida	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
Georgia			✓	✓				
Hawaii	✓		✓	✓+	✓	✓	✓	
Idaho								
Illinois	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Indiana				✓	✓		✓	✓
Iowa	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kansas	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Kentucky	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
Louisiana	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Maine	✓			✓			✓	
Maryland	✓	✓		✓+	✓	✓	✓	✓
Massachusetts	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Michigan	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Minnesota	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Mississippi			✓					✓
Missouri	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓

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Montana	✓			✓		✓	✓	
Nebraska	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
Nevada	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
New Hampshire							✓	
New Jersey	✓	✓	✓	✓+	✓	✓	✓	
New Mexico	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
New York			✓	✓+	✓	✓	✓	✓
North Carolina	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
North Dakota	✓			✓		✓		
Ohio	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Oklahoma	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Oregon	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pennsylvania			✓	✓	✓			✓
Rhode Island	✓	✓	✓	✓+	✓			
South Carolina	✓	✓	✓		✓			
South Dakota				✓				
Tennessee	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓
Texas	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Utah	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Vermont ⁴					✓			
Virginia	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Washington			✓				✓	
West Virginia	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓
Wisconsin	✓		✓		✓		✓	
Wyoming	✓		✓	✓				
DC	✓	✓	✓	✓+	✓	✓	✓	✓

TOTAL	39 + DC	25 + DC	36 + DC	30 + DC	28 + DC	30 + DC	35 + DC	27 + DC
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✓+ Applicants must show good cause (or similar need to carry)

1. These states disqualify people convicted of a) misdemeanor "crimes of violence," as classified by the state; or of b) certain serious violent misdemeanors such as assault and battery, threatening, or crimes committed with a weapon. Some state disqualifiers elapse after several years. AK disqualifies people with multiple offenses
2. These states bar people who have been convicted and/or are under restraining orders for domestic abuse
3. These states bar all applicants with two DUI offenses in the past 3 years, except MD and PA bar people with three recent offenses and IA bars people with three or more recent arrests and one conviction
4. Vermont does not issue a concealed carry permit, but does bar convicted stalkers from having or carrying firearms