

# FAQs

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## Why should I take a handgun class?

A handgun training class is required to get a CCW Permit, if you have no other valid proof of training in the last 10 years. A training class is essential to learning proper gun handling, safety, storage and marksmanship techniques. Even experienced shooters can learn something new.

## Why should I carry my gun concealed?

Carrying concealed is the smarter way to go. Carrying your gun in plain view gives away all the tactical advantage you gain by having your gun hidden. It is better to keep the bad guys guessing.

## Why do I need a permit?

In the state of Colorado, You must have a permit to conceal a firearm on your person. It is a misdemeanor weapons charge to carry without a permit in Colorado. In some other states, it is a felony.

## Do I need to provide a reason why I want the permit?

NO. You do not need to have a reason why you want a permit. If you are asked why you want a permit, "Personal Defense" is a good enough answer. Some other more restrictive states will make their citizens provide a reason or proof of need. Colorado is very supportive of concealed carry and does not require a reason.

## Is there a minimum or maximum age limit to obtain a permit?

A permit applicant must be at least 21 years to obtain a permit. There is no maximum age limit. There is an exception for persons under 21 years of age who wish to receive an emergency permit due to imminent danger to that person. THERE IS NO AGE LIMIT TO ATTEND OUR TRAINING. If you are under 21, you may take the class and then apply for a permit on your 21st birthday.

## How long is the permit valid?

The permit is valid for 5 years from the date of issue and can be renewed.

## Can I use my Colorado Concealed Handgun Permit in other states when I travel?

Yes, you can use your Colorado CCW Permit in states that have formal reciprocity with our state. Currently the Colorado Permit is honored in 32 states. A list of the states with reciprocity can be found [here](#)

However, you must follow the laws of the state that you are in while you carry. The laws of the fifty states can be found at the following websites and should be checked before you begin your trip.  
<http://www.handgunlaw.us> <http://www.gunlaws.com>

### How long is the training certificate from the class valid for?

The Colorado Handgun Safety Training Certificate and the NRA Basic Pistol Course Certificate are valid for 10 years.

### How much does the Colorado Concealed Permit cost?

In Teller County, the cost is \$152.50. One hundred dollars goes to the sheriff for processing and \$52.50 goes to the Colorado Bureau of Investigation for the background and fingerprint check.

### If I am active duty military, do I have to take a training class?

If you are active duty, you are not required to take a class, BUT we recommend that you do take a class. The rules of engagement and the use of deadly force are different in civilian life. It is important to know what you can and cannot do legally. Your military career can be affected if you get it wrong.

### If I am former military, do I have to take a training class?

If your DD-214 is less than 3 years old, you are not required to take a class. If your DD-214 is more than 3 years old but less than 10 years old, it must show Pistol qualification in the last 10 years. If the DD-214 is more than 10 years old, then you have to attend a class or show other written proof of training in the last 10 years.

### Do I have to apply for the permit in the county I reside in?

Yes, you must apply in the county you reside in. If you move to another county in Colorado, you must notify your previous sheriff within 30 days.

### Do I have to register my gun?

NO, you do not have to register your gun. The permit is for the user, not the firearm. You do NOT have to provide the make model or serial number and you may choose whichever handgun you like. However be reasonable. Do not carry a huge gun; the whole idea is to keep it concealed. Also tiny calibers like .22 are not the best choice.