

FIREARMS PROHIBITORS

No person convicted for a Felony or a Misdemeanor crime of domestic violence involving the use or threatened use of physical force or a deadly weapon may possess any firearms in Connecticut.

No person may obtain a Pistol Permit, Eligibility Certificate, or possess any handguns if they are less than 21 years of age, subject to a Protective or Restraining Order, or if they have been convicted of a felony, or convicted in Connecticut for any of the following misdemeanors:

Illegal possession of narcotics or other controlled substances - 21a-279(c)

Criminally negligent homicide - 53a-58

Assault in the third degree - 53a-61

Assault of a victim 60 or older in the third degree - 53a-61a

Threatening - 53a-62

Reckless endangerment in the first degree - 53a-63

Unlawful restraint in the second degree - 53a-96

Riot in the first degree - 53a-175

Riot in the second degree - 53a-176

Inciting to riot - 53a-178

Stalking in the second degree - 53a-181d, or

Has been convicted as delinquent for the commission of a serious juvenile offense, or

Has been discharged from custody within the preceding twenty years after having been found not guilty of a crime by reason of mental disease or defect , or

Has been confined in a hospital for persons with psychiatric disabilities, as defined in section 17a-495, within the preceding sixty months by order of a probate court,

Has been voluntarily admitted to a hospital for persons with psychiatric disabilities as defined in 17a-495 within the preceding six months for care and treatment of a psychiatric disability and not solely for alcohol or drug dependency, or

Is subject to a firearms seizure order issued pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 29-38c after notice and an opportunity to be heard has been provided to such person, or is an alien illegally or unlawfully in the United States.

Any federal disqualifiers listed in Title 18 U.S.C Chapter 44.

The firearms prohibitors apply to; Pistol Permits and Eligibility Certificate for Pistols and Revolvers , and Eligibility Certificate for Long Guns if convicted after October 1, 1994. The prohibiting misdemeanors also apply to Ammunition Certificate if convicted on or after July 1, 2013. Felonies and federal prohibitors apply to all permits and certificates as well as gun sales, no matter what the date of conviction.

SURRENDERS

INELIGIBLE PERSONS

Those persons deemed ineligible to possess (see firearm prohibitors) are required to relinquish their firearms by one of the following methods:

- 1) Turn your firearms in to the police. Your guns will be held for up to one year. You may at any time during the year transfer your guns to an eligible person. After the expiration of one year if your status has not changed your guns will be destroyed. You must notify the Special Licensing and Firearms Unit immediately at (860) 685-8285 to advise when and to which police department you turned in your firearms.
- 2) If instead you choose to legally transfer your firearms to an eligible person you must telephone the Special Licensing and Firearms Unit at (860) 685-8400 for an authorization number for each individual hand gun and long gun. A NICS background check will be conducted on the recipient at that time. You must then submit the sale or transfer form DPS-3C to the State Police.

Domestic Violence

Connecticut General Statute 29-36k requires that within two (2) business days of such occurrence you must;

1. Transfer, in accordance with C.G.S. §§ 29-33 , and 29-36k, all pistols, revolvers, firearms and ammunition you possess to a federally licensed firearms dealer pursuant to the sale of the pistol, revolver or other firearms; **or**
2. Deliver or surrender any/all firearms and ammunition to any Connecticut State Police Troop or organized municipal police department—not to include Headquarters in Middletown

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

If you possess firearms which you would like to turn in to the Connecticut State Police for voluntary destruction or for police use, you should make arrangements through your local State Police barracks in advance.

Your Guide to Firearms and Permits in Connecticut



SPECIAL LICENSING AND FIREARMS UNIT

Phone: (860) 685-8290

Fax: (860) 685-8496

Web site: www.ct.gov/despp

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Transferring a Handgun

Federal Law states you may only buy a handgun in the state in which you reside.

You can only buy a handgun in Connecticut if in addition to being a resident, you are at least 21 years of age and you possess a valid Permit to Carry Pistols or Revolvers, a valid Eligibility Certificate or if you are a sworn Police Officer.

You must first complete an Application to Purchase Firearms (DPS -67-C). This form shall be retained by the seller for 20 years.

The seller of the handgun shall then contact the Special Licensing and Firearms Unit @ **(860) 685-8400**, or **(888) 335-8438** and obtain an authorization number for that sale. Four copies of the Sale or Transfer form DPS-3-C must be completed. The original copy is kept by the seller (for a minimum of 5 years). One copy is given to the purchaser as a receipt. One copy shall be forwarded to the Special Licensing and Firearms Unit. One copy must be sent to the Chief of Police in the town where the purchaser resides.

Transferring a Long Gun

Effective April 1, 2014

After April 1, 2014 you will be required to have a valid Pistol Permit, Eligibility Certificate to Purchase Pistols or Revolvers, Eligibility Certificate to Purchase Long Guns, or a be a Police Officer or one of the exemption listed in law, to purchase long guns. You must be 18 years of age. You must first complete an Application to Purchase Firearms (DPS -67-C) and a Sale or Transfer of All Firearms form (DPS-3-C). This form shall be retained by the seller for 20 years. The seller of the long gun shall then follow the steps set out under HANDGUN purchase above.

Appealing Your Denial

In the event that you have been denied authorization to purchase a firearm, you must request the reason for such denial by contacting the Special Licensing and Firearms Unit at (860) 685-8290 to determine the basis for your denial during regular business hours.

NICS

If the reason for your denial was a result of the National Instant Criminal Background Check, you must make a written request to:

Federal Bureau of Investigation, NICS Operations Center, Research and Analysis, P.O. Box 4278, Clarksburg, West Virginia, 26302-4278. Include your mailing address and the NICS Transaction Number and NRI, NICS Record Identifier (obtained from the Special Licensing and Firearms Unit).

Pistol Permits

Once you have received your Temporary State Permit, you may apply to the DESPP for your State Permit. The cost of the State Permit is an additional \$70.00 and is valid for a period of five years. You will be required to have your photograph taken upon application and renewals. Applications and renewals shall be accepted at locations listed on the back of this brochure. Renewal notices will be sent to permit holders ninety days prior to expiration. There is a ninety day grace period after the expiration of your permit during which you may renew. Renewal instructions are available on-line at www.ct.gov/despp.

State Law requires the holder of a Pistol Permit to notify the Special Licensing and Firearms Unit of any change of residence address within two business days.

Lost or stolen Pistol Permits should be reported immediately in order to replace them. A \$5.00 duplication fee will be charged.

Ammunition Certificates

Effective October 1, 2013

If you do not intend to purchase anymore firearms after October 1, 2013 but would like to continue to purchase ammunition, you will be required to possess a Ammunition Certificate, or be listed as an exempted person, i.e., police officer. You must apply on a form DESPP-417C, and come to one of the DESPP permit offices to have your photograph taken. The fee is \$35.00 for a 5 year certificate and your renewal will be sent 90 days prior to expiration. **Applicants who have been convicted of any felony at any time or of any of the misdemeanors after July 1, 2013 will be denied.**

Eligibility Certificate to Purchase Long Guns

Effective April 1, 2014

After April 1, 2014 you will be required to possess a valid Eligibility Certificate to Purchase Long Guns, if you do not already possess a pistol permit or eligibility certificate for the purchase of pistols or revolvers. You may also purchase ammunition with this certificate. You may apply directly to DESPP on a DPS-799-C form, which you may obtain on-line at www.ct.gov/despp, under the Special Licensing and Firearms page. It is a 5 year certificate and renewal will be sent 90 days prior to expiration. The fee is \$35.00 plus \$50.00 for the State fingerprint and \$16.50 for the FBI fingerprint fee. **Applicants who have been convicted of any felony at any time or of any of the misdemeanors after October 1, 1994 will be denied.**

Machine Guns

Machine Guns are strictly regulated by the U.S. Department of Treasury, Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) as well as the Connecticut State Police, Special Licensing and Firearms Unit (SLFU).

Connecticut residents may purchase Machine Guns if they are capable of a "full automatic only" rate of fire. Any select fire weapon is considered an "Assault Weapon" and is prohibited by State Law.

Dealers who are licensed to sell Machine Guns have all the necessary Federal paperwork required for that transaction.

Any Connecticut resident who owns a Machine Gun is required to complete State form DPS 418C, registering that Machine Gun with the SLFU immediately upon receiving it, and upon an annual basis thereafter.

Registered owners will be notified yearly with a registration form-letter which must be signed and returned to the SLFU prior to July 1 annually.

If you currently own a Machine Gun and do not receive a yearly registration form, you must contact the SLFU for instructions on registering your firearm.

Gun Shows

A Gun Show is defined as any event at which fifty or more firearms are offered or exhibited for sale, transfer or exchange and any event at which two or more persons are exhibiting one or more firearms for sale, transfer or exchange to the public.

All sales, transfers or exchanges taking place at a Gun Show require the seller to obtain an authorization number from the Special Licensing and Firearms Unit at 860-685-8400 or toll-free in-state at 888-335-8438.

Assault Weapons

Connecticut General Statutes Section 53-202a as amended by Public Acts 13-3 and 13-220, assault weapons are described and defined in portion as: *"(1) Any selective-fire firearm capable of fully automatic, semiautomatic or burst fire at the option of the user or any of the specified semiautomatic firearms.."*

For a complete text of law and list of banned firearms, check on www.ct.gov/despp, Special Licensing and Firearms section or at the Legislative web site at www.cga.ct.gov. Refer to Public Act 13-3 and Public Act 13-220.

Assault weapons owners must obtain a Certificate of Possession (DPS-414-C) prior to January 1, 2014.

IF YOU POSSESS AN UNREGISTERED "ASSAULT WEAPON" AFTER JANUARY 1, 2014, YOU MAY CALL OUR OFFICE TO ARRANGE ITS DESTRUCTION AT NO RISK OF PENALTY.

PHOTO PERMIT LOCATIONS AND HOURS

DPS Headquarters 1111 Country Club Rd. Middletown, Ct. 06457 (860) 685-8494	Mon. through Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Troop C 1320 Tolland Stage Rd Tolland, CT 06084 (860) 896-3271	1st full week of each month. 7:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m. 11:30 p.m.—2:00 p.m.
Troop E I-395 (between exits 79 & 79A) Montville, CT 06382 (860) 848-6539	2nd full week of each month. 7:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
Troop G 149 Prospect St. Bridgeport, CT 06604 (800) 575-6330	Tues., Wed., Fri., & Sat. 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. 12:30 p.m.—3:45 p.m. Thurs. 11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. 2:30 p.m.—6:45 p.m.
Troop L 452 Bantam Road Litchfield, CT 06759 (860) 626-7914	3rd full week of each month. 7:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Troop permit offices are closed during inclement weather.