

Handguns

- Permit to carry handguns? No*

*According to the National Rifle Assc., "A permit to carry a concealed handgun is not necessary in Alaska, but permits are available to those who want to carry in states that recognize Alaska permits."

Carrying

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A permit to carry a concealed handgun is available for those individuals who desire a means to carry a concealed handgun in states that honor Alaska's permit to carry.

A person can obtain a permit to carry a concealed handgun if the person:

- Is 21 years of age or older.
- Is eligible to own or possess a firearm under state and federal law.
- Has been a resident of the state for 90 days preceding application for permit.
- Has not been convicted of two or more class A misdemeanors within the preceding six years.
- Is not currently or has not within three years been ordered by a court to complete an alcohol treatment or substance abuse program.
- Has demonstrated competence with handguns.

Permits

The Department of Public Safety shall issue a permit to a person who applies in person at an office of the Alaska State Troopers and is not prohibited from possessing a handgun.

A completed application must be submitted under an oath. The applicant must provide two complete sets of fingerprints and two frontal view color photographs taken within 30 days prior to submitting application. An applicant must not suffer a physical infirmity that prevents the safe handling of a handgun.

A permit is valid for five years. Applications, permits, and renewals are not public records and can only be used for law enforcement purposes.

The Department shall either approve or reject an application within 30 days of receipt. A person shall apply in person for renewal of a permit to carry within 90 days before the expiration of the permit and shall present a complete renewal form under an oath. A permit to carry shall be immediately revoked if the permittee becomes disqualified to receive and hold a permit. A person whose permit is revoked may appeal to the commissioner. If the commissioner upholds the revocation, a person may seek judicial review. If the permit is revoked, such a person cannot apply for a permit until at least five years after it is revoked.

- A person carrying a concealed handgun may not carry it into any place prohibited by law.
- When entering the residence of another person, one must notify the resident that they are carrying a concealed handgun.
- A municipality may not restrict the carrying of a concealed handgun by permit.
- A permit holder from with a valid permit from other jurisdictions is considered an Alaska permit holder.

Source: National Rifle Association of America, Institute for Legislative Action