

Concealed Handgun Permit – FAQ’S

Q: Once I’ve completed the Concealed Handgun Safety class, how do I obtain a CHP?

A: Contact the Sheriff’s Office in the county in which you reside. Most have websites explaining the procedure. For instance, for Park County residents, appointments are required for all CHP procedures and are currently scheduled on Tuesdays only. For more information, please go to <http://www.parkcountyco.gov/147/Concealed-Handgun-Permit>

Q: I don’t reside in Park County but I own a business in Park County. Does that count?

A: Yes. You can apply for a CHP in the county in which you own a business. You would have to show documentation of ownership.

Q: I have a home in Park County, but my driver’s license shows my (other state) address. Does that count?

A: No, you must be a Colorado resident and have a driver’s license issued in this state.

Q: Will my CHP be valid in other states?

A: The term is called reciprocity. (Statute C.R.S. 18-12-213) Reciprocity means the other state recognizes our permits and vice versa. You are responsible to familiarize yourself with the state’s law that you are traveling to or through. You can find a list of reciprocal states at:

<https://cbi.colorado.gov/sections/firearms-instacheck-unit/concealed-handgun-permit-chp-reciprocity>

Q: I recently moved to Colorado and currently hold a CHP from another state. Can I carry a handgun concealed?

A: As long as Colorado is reciprocal with that state, you may carry a concealed handgun until you apply and receive your CHP from the county in Colorado in which you now reside. This period is limited to 90 days, so you should apply for your new CHP as soon as possible after your move.

Q: Can I obtain a concealed handgun permit if I use or possess marijuana, for either medical recreational use?

A: No. The medicinal or recreational use of marijuana, although legalized in Colorado, is illegal pursuant to federal law and would prohibit the lawful possession of firearms pursuant to 18 USC 922(g)(3).

Q: There may be something that happened in my past that appears on my background check, will that affect anything?

A: Possibly. If the Sheriff has a reasonable belief that documented previous behavior by the applicant makes it likely the applicant will present a danger to self or others, the Sheriff may deny the permit.

Q: How long will my permit be good for?

A: All permits are valid for a period of five years from the date of issuance, but can be revoked at any time for misuse. You may apply to renew your permit (by appointment only), not more than 120 days, prior to the expiration.

Beginning July 1, 2025. You will be required to take a refresher course before applying for renewal.

PLEASE READ AND UNDERSTAND NEW LAWS EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025, <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb24-1174>

****THIS IS NOT TO BE MISTAKEN AS LEGAL ADVICE. FOR CURRENT AND UP TO DATE INFORMATION REGARDING CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMITS, PLEASE REFER TO THE APPROPRIATE STATUTES AT:**

<https://cbi.colorado.gov/sections/firearms-instacheck-unit/concealed-handgun-permit-chp>