

New Hampshire Resident Pistol/Revolver License Information

(Also known as a pistol permit or concealed weapons permit)

Q: Do I need a pistol permit to possess a pistol in my home?

A: No. A permit is not required to possess a pistol in your home. What a pistol permit does is permit you to carry a loaded handgun concealed upon your person or in any vehicle.

Q: If don't have a pistol permit can I still carry?

A: You may carry unloaded in your vehicle. Be sure that the ammunition is separate from the gun. You may carry loaded on your person. The weapon needs to be fully exposed. For example, it may not be concealed by a shirt or a jacket, or located in a backpack. You may carry unloaded and concealed on your person, so long as you do not possess any ammunition on your person. RSA 159:4

Q: Do I need a license to carry a gun?

A: Yes, but only for these two purposes (per RSA 159:4):

- (1) To carry a loaded handgun "concealed upon the person," other than in your home or place of business (where you can do so without a license); and
- (2) To have a loaded handgun in a vehicle (whether the handgun is concealed or not).

Q: How much does a Pistol Permit cost?

A: Currently, the fee for a resident Pistol Permit is \$10.00.

Q: Does my New Hampshire Resident Pistol Permit allow me to carry a concealed handgun in all 50 states?

A: No. Some states recognize and accept a New Hampshire Pistol Permit while others do not. Currently, states that honor a New Hampshire Pistol Permit include: Alabama, Alaska, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Wyoming. However, these reciprocity agreements are subject to change without notice. Anyone planning to travel to another state should confirm with that state that their permit will be accepted. (This list is subjected to change)

Q: Does my New Hampshire Resident or Non- Resident Pistol Permit allow me to carry a handgun into a courthouse?

A: No.

Q: Can I carry concealed on an OHRV?

A: No, not unless you have a valid pistol permit. Per RSA 215-A:20

Q: What if I have a Change of Name or Address?

A: If a resident license holder moves to another community (in NH), he or she **shall** notify in writing the licensing authority in his or her new place of residence that he or she has a current license, and the license shall remain in effect until it would otherwise expire.

The Wentworth Police Department strongly encourages taking a firearms course. NRA and others provide these and they are very beneficial. Owning a gun is serious, and you need to treat it as such.