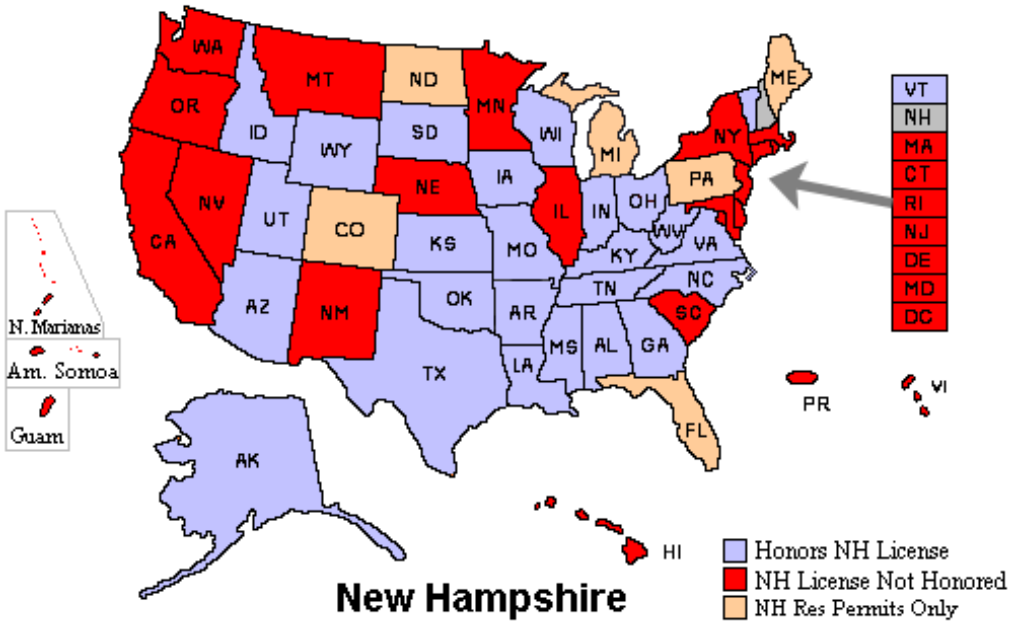
New Hampshire

Shall Issue **Must Inform Officer Immediately: NO**

Permitless Carry State (See Must Inform Section)



Note: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia and Wyoming have "Permitless Carry" Anyone who can legally possess a firearm under state and federal law may carry in these states without a Permit. Check each states page for age or other restrictions that may apply.

New Hampshire CCW Links√

- State CCW Site
- Resident CCW App
- Non-Resident CCW Application
- State FAQs
- State Statutes
- State Admin Rules
- State Reciprocity Info
- State CCW Laws
- State Carry License Admin Rules
- State Attorney General
- Secretary of State
- Age to Carry a Firearm In Other States

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Permits/Licenses This State Honors Listed Below

Alabama	Alaska	Arizona	Arkansas	Colorado
Florida	Georgia	Idaho	Indiana	Iowa
Kansas	Kentucky	Louisiana	Maine	Michigan
Missouri	Mississippi	Montana	North Carolina	North Dakota
Ohio	Oklahoma	Pennsylvania	South Dakota	Tennessee
Utah	Virginia	West Virginia	Wyoming	

Note: New Hampshire Does Not Honor Non-Resident Permits/Licenses. You must be a resident of the state that issued your Permit/License for that Permit/License to be valid in New Hampshire.

Anyone who can legally possess a firearm can carry it concealed in New Hampshire under their Permitless Carry Law. Their Reciprocity laws and how they honored other states permits didn't change when they went permitless carry.

Reciprocity/How This State Honors Other States Permit/Licenses

Title XII 159:6-d Full Faith and Credit for Licenses From Other States; Reciprocity. –

The director of the division of state police shall negotiate and enter into reciprocal agreements with other jurisdictions to recognize in those jurisdictions the validity of the license issued under RSA 159:6. The director shall apply to every jurisdiction with which New Hampshire does not have a reciprocity agreement, at least once every 5 years to obtain recognition in those jurisdictions of the license issued under RSA 159:6. Any such agreement executed shall not expire unless an expiration date is required under the statutes of the reciprocal jurisdiction. Source. SB 322 2024

Permitless Carry

Title XII 159:6 License to Carry.

III. The availability of a license to carry a loaded pistol or revolver under this section or under any other provision of law shall not be construed to impose a prohibition on the unlicensed transport or carry of a firearm in a vehicle, or on or about one's person, whether openly or concealed, loaded or unloaded, by a resident, nonresident, or alien if that individual is not otherwise prohibited by statute from possessing a firearm in the state of New Hampshire. 2024, 15:1, eff. July 13, 2024

Title XVIII 215-A:20 Loaded Firearms – No person shall carry on an OHRV, or a trailer towed by same, any firearms unless said firearm is unloaded. This section shall not apply to law enforcement officers carrying firearms in the course of duty or **to pistols or revolvers carried by any person who is not prohibited from possessing a firearm** by a New Hampshire statute. 2022, 210:1, eff. June 17, 2022.

How to Apply for a Permit

Note: Even though New Hampshire is a Permitless Carry state they will still issue permits to residents and non-residents to carry and that process has not changed.

Local Police/Sheriff issue resident permits. Contact them for forms or print one from online. Take it to your Police/Sheriff along with your State Photo Drivers License/ID. The process is simple and straight forward. Cost is $10 and the License/Permit is valid for 5 years.

Link to Most City Police Firearms Information Websites

Non-Resident Permits

The New Hampshire State Police issue Non-Resident permits. Contact them at:

Department of Safety
Division of State Police
Permits and Licensing Unit
33 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH 03305

They will send you the proper paperwork or you can download and print off an application and fill it out and mail it in. Cost is $100 and the Permit/License is valid for 5 years

Note: Being told from Renewal Applicant that NH does not send out a notice for renewal. Their Application states: “submitting a renewal application WITHIN 30 DAYS OF EXPIRATION.” Also the New Hampshire Supreme Court ruled June 2, 2016 that a Non-Resident did not have to have a permit from their home state before they could apply.

Non-Resident Permit Application

Places Off-Limits Even With a Permit/License

Title XII § 159:19 Courtroom Security.

I. No person shall knowingly carry a loaded or unloaded pistol, revolver, or firearm or any other deadly weapon as defined in RSA 625:11, V, whether open or concealed or whether licensed or unlicensed, upon the person or within any of the person's possessions owned or within the person's control in a courtroom or area used by a court. Whoever violates the provisions of this paragraph shall be guilty of a class B felony.

II. Firearms may be secured at the entrance to a courthouse by courthouse security personnel.

III. For purposes of paragraph I, "area used by a court" means:

(a) In a building dedicated exclusively to court use, the entire building exclusive of the area between the entrance and the courthouse security.

(b) In any other building which includes a court facility, courtrooms, jury assembly rooms, deliberation rooms, conference and interview rooms, the judge's chambers, other court staff facilities, holding facilities, and corridors, stairways, waiting areas, and elevators directly connecting these rooms and facilities.

IV. The provisions of this section shall not apply to marshals, sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, police or other duly appointed or elected law enforcement officers, bailiffs and court security officers, or persons with prior authorization of the court for the purpose of introducing weapons into evidence and as otherwise provided for in RSA 159:5.

V. It shall be an affirmative defense to any prosecution under paragraph I that there was no notice of the provisions of paragraph I posted in a conspicuous place at each public entrance to the court building.

Source. 2000, 175:1, eff. Jan. 1, 2001.

Note: **Armed Campus Organization** Has information on all the States Campus Carry Statutes, Regulations and Policies with some covering firearms Policies on each school's campus.

He-C 4001.17 Health and Safety in the Residential Child Care Environment.

(a) Program staff shall maintain the residential child care environment free of conditions hazardous to residents, including but not limited to, the following:

(2) Guns, or live or spent ammunition; #14214, eff 4-1-25

He-C 4002.22 Health and Safety in the Child Care Environment. (Child Day Care)

(a) Prior to use for child care, all indoor and outdoor child care space shall be:

(aa) Guns, weapons, or live or spent ammunition shall be locked, and the key or code used to lock these items shall be stored separately and out of the reach of children. ss by #14356, eff 9-22-25

Cor 306.01 Control of Contraband on Departmental Property (Corrections Facilities)

(c) Neither visitors from the general public nor department employees shall be permitted to have in their possession items not allowed anywhere on departmental property.

(1) Any firearm, simulated firearm, or device designed to propel or guide a projectile against a person, animal, or target; #12763, eff 5-1-19

631:3 - Reckless Conduct.

I. A person is guilty of reckless conduct if he recklessly engages in conduct which places or may place another in danger of serious bodily injury.

II. Reckless conduct is a class B felony if the person uses a deadly weapon as defined in RSA 625:11, V. All other reckless conduct is a misdemeanor.

III. A person convicted of a class B felony offense under this section shall not be subject to the provisions of RSA 651:2, II-g.

IV. (a) Upon proof that the victim and defendant were intimate partners or family or household members, as those terms are defined in RSA 631:2-b, III, a conviction under this section shall be recorded as "reckless conduct-domestic violence."

(b) In addition to any other penalty authorized by law, the court shall levy a fine of $50 for each conviction recorded as "reckless conduct-domestic violence" under this paragraph. The court shall not reduce or suspend any sentence or the payment of any fine imposed under this paragraph and no fine imposed under this paragraph shall be subject to an additional penalty assessment. If the court determines that the defendant is unable to pay the fine on the date imposed, the court may defer payment or order periodic payments thereof. The clerk shall forward all fines collected under this paragraph to the department of health and human services for the purposes of RSA 173-B:15. The provisions of RSA 618:8 and RSA 618:9 shall not apply to a fine imposed under this paragraph.

V. The act of displaying a firearm shall not, in and of itself and without additional circumstances, constitute reckless conduct under this section. 2021, 130:1, eff. Sept. 21, 2021

For Federal Restrictions on Firearms see the **USA Page**.

Parking Lot Storage Law

159:27 Stored Firearms in Vehicles.

I. Any public or private employer that receives public funds from the federal or state government or any subdivision thereof, whether such funds are in the form of payment for contractual services, grants, or in any other form however denominated, and irrespective of the amount or level of such funding, or any agent of such an employer, shall not:

(a) Prohibit an employee who may legally possess a firearm from storing a firearm or ammunition in the employee's vehicle while entering or exiting the employer's property or while the vehicle is parked on the employer's property as long as the vehicle is locked, and the firearm or ammunition is not visible.

(b) Take any adverse action against any employee who stores a firearm or ammunition in accordance with this section.

II. Any employer or agent of any employer is prohibited from requiring an employee to disclose whether or not the employee is storing a firearm or ammunition in the employee's vehicle, and no searches of the employee's vehicle for a firearm or ammunition may be undertaken except by a law enforcement officer pursuant to a warrant or pursuant to a recognized exception to the warrant requirement.

III. An employer or an agent of an employer may not be held liable in any civil action for any damages for any economic loss, injury, or death resulting from or arising out of another person's actions involving a firearm or ammunition stored pursuant to this section, including, but not limited to, the theft of a firearm from an employee's vehicle, unless the employer or an agent of the employer intentionally solicited or procured the other person's injurious actions.

IV. This section applies to the state or any municipality as an employer when the state or municipal employee's vehicle is on property owned or leased by the state or municipality.

V. This section shall not be construed to authorize an employee to carry a firearm in any place where carrying a firearm is prohibited by law. 2024, 195:1, eff. Jan. 1, 2025

Do "No Gun Signs" Have the Force of Law?

"NO"

"No Firearm" signs in New Hampshire have no force of law unless they are posted on property that is specifically mentioned in State Law as being off limits to those with a Permit/License to Carry. If you are in a place not specifically mentioned in the law that is posted and they ask you to leave, you must leave. If you refuse to leave then you are breaking the law and can be charged. Even if the property is not posted and you are asked to leave you must leave. Always be aware of the possibility that responding Police Officers who may have been called without your knowledge and may not know the laws on trespass etc. could arrest you even if you are within the law.

"Handgunlaw.us highly recommends that you not enter a place that is posted "No Firearms" no matter what the state laws read/mean on signage. We recommend you print out the **No Guns = No Money Cards** and give one to the owner of the establishment that has the signage." As responsible gun owners and upholders of the 2nd Amendment we should also honor the rights of property owners to control their own property even if we disagree with them."

Must Inform Officer Immediately on Contact By Law?

"NO" Handgunlaw.us recommends you carry your state issued ID when carrying under Permitless Carry. Some states require you carry it.

Title XII 159:6 License to Carry.

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Carry In State Parks//WMA/Road Side Rest Areas & St. /Nat. Forests

Carry Allowed in these Areas:

***State Parks: YES** **Admin Rule 7301.10**

State/National Forests: YES **Admin Rule 7301.10**

State Fish & Game Refuges YES **Title XVIII 212:17**

Road Side Rest Areas: YES

***Notice:** If State Park Carry is Legal in this state and if that state park is located on a lake created by the US Army Corp of Engineers (COE) who owns the land and leases it to the state for that park the park is Off Limits to the legal carrying of firearms per federal law. **36 CFR 327.13** District Commanders received this Memorandum detailing how they could authorize someone to carry on (COE) property. The (COE) has also put out a Pamphlet on carrying firearms on (COE) Property. They do not post their property you must know the boundaries. Hunting **is usually** allowed during hunting season.

RV/Car Carry Without a Permit/License

Title XII 159:6 License to Carry.

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Open Carry (Without a Valid Permit/License)

Open Carry is legal. New Hampshire also has Permitless Carry. Anyone who can legally possess a firearm can carry open or concealed without any type of permit/license.

Title XII 159:6 License to Carry.

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The state preempts all firearm laws in the state and local authorities can't have Laws/Ordinances against open carry. Remember that if you enter any property and the owner/responsible person ask you to leave you must leave. Failure to leave can result in Trespass Charges. The Minimum age for Open Carry is 18. From what I hear Open Carry is not rare in New Hampshire.

State Preemption

State Jurisdiction Title XII 159:26 Firearms and Ammunition; Authority of the State.

I. To the extent consistent with federal law, the state of New Hampshire shall have authority and jurisdiction over the sale, purchase, ownership, use, possession, transportation, licensing, permitting, taxation, or other matter pertaining to firearms, firearms components, ammunition, firearms supplies, or knives in the state. Except as otherwise specifically provided by statute, no ordinance or regulation of a political subdivision may regulate the sale, purchase, ownership, use, possession, transportation, licensing, permitting, taxation, or other matter pertaining to firearms, firearms components, ammunition, or firearms supplies in the state. Nothing in this section shall be construed as affecting a political subdivision's right to adopt zoning ordinances for the purpose of regulating firearms or knives businesses in the same manner as other businesses or to take any action allowed under RSA 207:59.

II. Upon the effective date of this section, all municipal ordinances and regulations not authorized under paragraph I relative to the sale, purchase, ownership, use, possession, transportation, licensing, permitting, taxation, or other matter pertaining to firearms, firearm components, ammunition, firearms supplies, or knives shall be null and void. Source 2011, 139:1, eff. Aug. 6, 2011.

Deadly Force Laws

Title LXII: Criminal Code
Chapter 627: Justification

§627:1 General Rule
§627:1-a Civil Immunity.

§627:2 Public Duty
§627:3 Competing Harms
§627:4 Physical Force in Defense of a Person
§627:5 Physical Force in Law Enforcement
§627:6 Physical Force by Persons with Special Responsibilities
§627:7 Use of Force in Defense of Premises
§627:8 Use of Force in Property Offenses
§627:8-a Use of Force by Merchants
§627:8-b Detention Powers of County Fair Security Guards
§627:9 Definitions

Knife Laws State/Cities

To access State/Local Knife Laws Click "Here"

Carry in Restaurants That Serve Alcohol

YES

Note: A "YES" above means you can carry into places like described below. "NO" means you can't. Handgunlaw.us definition of "Restaurant Carry" is carry in a restaurant that serves alcohol. Places like Friday's or Red Lobster unless posted with "No Gun Signs." This may or may not mean the bar or the bar area of a restaurant. But you can carry your firearm into a restaurant that serves alcohol and sit and eat without consuming. Handgunlaw.us recommends you not sit at the Bar or in the Bar area of such restaurants. In some states it is illegal to be in the Bar area of such restaurants. Handgunlaw.us believes you should never consume alcohol when carrying your firearm. In some states it is illegal to take even one drink while carrying a firearm. If you want further info on carrying in places that serve alcohol check your state laws.

Chemical Sprays/Stun Gun/Higher Capacity Magazine Laws

Handgunlaw.us could find no restrictions in New Hampshire Law concerning Chemical Sprays, Stun Guns Or Higher Capacity Magazine Bans.

LEOSA State Information

No State LEOSA Information Available. See the LEOSA Section on the **USA Page** at Handgunlaw.us for more LEOSA Information.

Attorney General Opinions/Court Cases

NH Supreme Court – Ammunition must be In the Firearm and not just near it.
NH Supreme Court – Non-Res Do Not Have to Have Permit From Their Home State **(6/2016)**
NH Supreme Court – No Duty to Retreat in Lethal Force Attack **(1/2024)**

Airport Carry/Misc. Information

Link to State Statutes

Airport Carry: No Statute/Rule/Reg found that states it is illegal to carry in Parking Lot/Terminal.

Training Valid for: No Set Time Period.

Time Period to Establish Residency: **Upon obtaining a New Hampshire Drivers License/ID**

Minimum Age for Permit/License: **No min age listed in Laws**

Permit/License Info Public Information: **NO**

State Reciprocity/How They Honor Other States Statute: **Title XII 159:6-d**

State Firearm Laws: **12-159 thru 12-159-D**

State Deadly Force Laws: **62-627.1 thru 62-627.9**

State Knife Laws: **62-625.11 & 12-159:16 & 12-159-24** **NH Has Preempted all Knife Laws**

Chemical/Electric Weapons Laws: **12-159:20 thru 12-159:23**

Body Armor Laws: **62-650-B1 & B2**

Does Your Permit Cover Other Weapons Besides Firearms? **NO** **159:6**

State Safe Storage/Access by Minors Statute/s: **NH Statute § 650-C:1**

Is carrying of a Concealed Firearm with Permit/License for Defensive Purposes Only While Hunting Legal? **YES** Except During Muzzle Loading Season & While Shining. NH Statutes Title XVIII Sec 208.5 & NH Hunting & Trapping Digest

Notes

What Does NH Consider A Loaded Firearm?

Title XVIII 207:1 Definitions1. XIV-a. Loaded: A round or projectile in the chamber fully dischargeable by pulling the trigger. 232:6, eff. Jan. 1, 2024

State Emergency Powers

Title I 4:46 **Taking of Private Property; Compensation and Use. –**

I. Whenever a state of emergency is declared or invoked and the taking of real or personal property is required, the governor with the advice and consent of the executive council may, by warrant specifying the particular real property and the personal property by specification of the types, quantities, and general location, together with the names of the owners, when known, authorize the commissioner of safety, by his or her agents, to:

(a) Take possession of any private real estate and the improvements on it for a limited period.

(b) Take title in the name of the state to any such improvement when the exigencies of the situation require its destruction.

(c) Take possession or title in the name of the state to:

(1) Any high explosives.

(2) Any horses, vehicles, motor vehicles, aircraft, ships, boats, or any other means of conveyance, including the rolling stock of railroads or of motor bus transportation.

(3) Any cattle, poultry, provisions for man or beast, clothing, bedding, medicines and medical supplies in excess of the reasonable and immediate needs of the owner and the owner's household.

(4) Any fuel for heating or other necessary purposes.

(5) Any gasoline or other means of engine propulsion, or any communications equipment or systems.

I-a. Under no circumstances shall this section be construed to authorize the taking, confiscation, or seizure of firearms, ammunition, or ammunition components.

II. Takings under this section shall be strictly limited to the necessities of the situation. The person proposing to take possession of any such property in the name of the state shall present to the owner or person in possession or control of the property a copy of the warrant under which the person purports to act certified by the commissioner of safety. Upon taking possession or control of such property the person shall present a receipt specifically listing the property so taken and specifically referring to the warrant authorizing the taking. Source 229:1, 2, eff. Aug. 17, 2012.

Note: Federal Law can apply if the state is receiving monetary and/or other assistance from the Federal Government. See **US Code 42-5207** for Federal Law as it applies to States of Emergencies. The state quoted code may also not be all of the law on Emergency Powers held by the state. You should read the entire code on Emergency Powers etc for this state by following the link to the state code.

Minimum Age for Possessing and Transporting of Handguns.

New Hampshire 18 Y/O **Title 12 159:12**

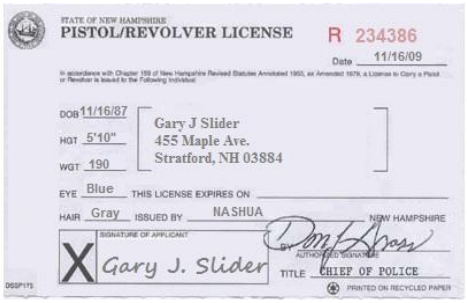
This is the minimum age for possessing and transporting a handgun unloaded and secured in a vehicle without any type of permit/license to carry firearms.

Note: In some states Possession and Transportation CAN be very restrictive in that you can ONLY possess and transport a handgun to and from a Shooting Range, Gun Shop, property you own or other places you can legally possess a handgun. Some states do not have this restriction.

This is not the last word on possession and transporting of handguns in this, or any other state. Study your state law further for more information. See "RV/Car Carry" Section Above for more information.

Permit/License Image

Local Authorities issue Resident Licenses. Different Issuing Authorities could have different formats.


STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PISTOL/REVOLVER LICENSE R 234386
Date 11/16/09
DOB 11/16/87
HGT 5'10"
WGT 190
EYE Blue
HAIR Gray
Gary J Slider
455 Maple Ave.
Stratford, NH 03884
THIS LICENSE EXPIRES ON
ISSUED BY NASHUA NEW HAMPSHIRE
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT
X Gary J. Slider
TITLE CHIEF OF POLICE
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State of New Hampshire
Department of Safety
State Police
NON RESIDENT
Pistol / Revolver License
Permit # M-2024-2534
Expires 01/15/2029 Height 5' 10" Weight 210
Issued 01/15/2024 Hair BRO Eyes BRO
DOB 11/17/1989 Race W Sex M
Gary J Slider
455 Maple Ave.
Mountain WV 26001
OIC
If found please mail to
New Hampshire State Police
Permits and License Unit
33 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH 03305

New Non-Resident Permit Format 2024.

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1/1/2025 - Note on Armed Campus Organization Link Which Has Information on Every States Campus Carry Statute/Regulation/Rules/Policies Added to Places Off Limits Section.
3/7/2025 – All Links Checked**.**
7/1/2025 - All Links Checked.
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