

Minnesota Citizens Personal Protection Act Fact Sheet

Carry permits:

- Issued by Sheriff's departments
- Good for five years
- Applicants must pass a rigorous criminal, drug and mental health background check.
- Applicants must pass a carry permit course taught by an instructor who is certified by a state-approved training organization.

Carrying with a permit:

Mode of carry

- Permit holders may carry as many guns as they wish.
- Permit holder may carry pistols or revolvers, shotguns or rifles (MN Stat 624.7181).
- Guns may be carried either concealed or exposed.

Prohibited Places

- Federal Buildings (*18 USC 930*) *There appears to be an exception that would apply to permit holders, but it is untested. Carry is not recommended.*
- Courthouses (unless county sheriff is notified) (MN 609.66)
- State Capitol (unless DPS is notified) (MN 609.66)
- Jails, correctional facilities and state hospitals (not county hospitals, or private hospitals, unless posted) (MN 243.55)
- Secure areas of airports (past the scanners)
- Schools and licensed day care facilities, except parking lots (unless given permission by head school official) (MN 609.66)
- Properly posted (or verbally notified) private property
 - 187 square inch sign
 - Posted at every entrance
 - 1½ inch black Arial letters
 - A bright, contrasting background
 - Must say exactly, "[Name of Business] bans guns in these premises"
 - Bottom of sign 4-6 feet above floor
 - Sign within 4 feet laterally of entrance

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Carrying without a permit:

A permit is not required to carry a loaded gun:

- In a person's home or on his land
- In their place of business
- When traveling between home and business
- When traveling to or from a gun repair facility to have the gun repaired

Drinking and Carrying (MN 624.7142)

- Permit holders may carry in a bar or restaurant, unless it is posted.
- A BAC over .04 is a misdemeanor
- A repeat offense above .10 is a gross misdemeanor.
- The gun is **NOT** subject to forfeiture.

Non-prohibited places

- Other state, county or local government buildings and facilities can **NOT** be legally posted.
- Non-secure areas of public airports can **NOT** be legally posted.
- City, county or state parks can **NOT** be legally posted.
- Bars and restaurants (unless posted)
- Churches and other religious-use property (unless notice is given) *A November 2006 district court ruling allows churches to ban carry in any legal manner, and to forbid carry in their parking lots.*
- Parking lots (even of schools and posted buildings) can **NOT** be posted.

Penalty -- carrying on posted private property

- Property holder must demand compliance and ask permit holder to leave
- Permit holder must refuse to leave
- \$25 petty misdemeanor
- The gun may **NOT** be confiscated.

Transporting a gun:

To legally transport a handgun in an automobile, boat or snowmobile *without a permit*, it must be:

- Unloaded, and
- Contained in a closed and fastened case, gunbox, or securely tied package. *Warning: A Minnesota court ruling specifically excludes purses!*

*Note that the unloaded, encased handgun does **not** need to be placed in the trunk of the vehicle; it may be placed anywhere in the vehicle, provided that it is unloaded and encased.*

Except where noted, the information herein is based on Minnesota Statute 624.714

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