

GRADING CRITERIA FOR STATE REPORT CARDS, 2001

Juvenile Possession and Sale/Transfer

(Whether it is illegal for a juvenile to possess or own a firearm without parental permission or supervision.)

- A+ must be 21 for all firearms
- A must be 21 for handguns, 18 for long guns
- A- must be 18 for all firearms
must be 21 for handguns, 16 for long guns
- B+ must be 18 for handguns, 16 for long guns
- B must be 21 for handguns, no age for long guns
- B- must be 18 for handguns, under 16 or no age for long guns
- C must be 16 for all firearms
- D must be 16 for handguns
- F none
Grade lowered for over-broad exemptions

Child Access Prevention (CAP)

(Whether adults are required to store their firearms responsibly and out of the reach of children, and whether there are penalties for leaving guns accessible to children.)

- A under 18, good penalties
- B+ under 17, good penalties
- B under 16, good penalties
- B- under 15, good penalties
- C under 14, good penalties
- F none
Grade lowered for minimal penalties

Locks/Design Standards

(Whether guns must be sold with child-safety locks (CSL) and/or include safety design features such as load indicators, magazine safety disconnects and restrictions on Saturday Night Special (SNS) “junk” guns.)

- A Personalized guns, load indicators, magazine disconnects, SNS limits, etc,
- A- CSL, load indicators, magazine disconnects, SNS
- B+ State/Police approved CSL for all firearms and some others of above
- B State/Police approved CSL for all firearms or strong SNS or strong others
- B- State/Police approved CSL but only for handguns
- C+ Basic CSL or basic SNS (like melting test)
- F none

(more)

Preemption

(Whether the state has made it illegal for cities to enact stricter gun control laws than exist in the state in general.)

- A none
- B minimal limits
- C moderate limits
- D preemption that was not retroactive or very severe limits
- F full preemption

Secondary Sales

(Whether the state requires a criminal background check or reporting of secondary (private) sales such as can occur at gun shows.)

- A all gun sales have background check and waiting period (or good license system)
- B+ all handguns have background check and waiting period (or good license system)
- C gun show loophole closed
- F none

Carrying Concealed Weapons (CCW)

(Whether individuals are allowed to carry loaded concealed guns and whether the police are forced to issue concealed carry permits or have some discretion to limit the carrying of concealed weapons in public.)

- A+ no carrying allowed
- B+ may issue with strong training, good limits, no reciprocity, 21 years old, good backgrd check
- B- may issue with training but weaker checks or standards, no reciprocity
- C may issue with no training or poor limits
- C- may issue, but no permit required in vehicles or reciprocity
- D shall issue with training requirements, limits on where to carry, no reciprocity
- D- shall issue with either no training or reciprocity
- F shall issue with no training and reciprocity or age 18
- F- no permit needed to carry, or shall issue with no training, reciprocity and age 18