



DOES YOUR STATE ALLOW OPEN CARRYING OF FIREARMS?

Most states allow the open carrying of handguns with little or no regulations. A handful of states prohibit open carry outright. Finally, several states require a permit to carry or possess a firearm, whether it is concealed or carried openly. While some state laws may be subject to different interpretations, the following categories appear to be applicable to the 50 states:

STATES THAT ALLOW OPEN CARRY (35)*:

Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Delaware, Georgia, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming

STATES THAT PROHIBIT OPEN CARRY (3):

Florida, Illinois, Texas

STATES REQUIRING A PERMIT TO OPEN CARRY (12):

Connecticut, Hawaii, Indiana, Iowa, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee

*States that allow open carrying of handguns on the person, no permit required. In Utah, North Dakota and California handguns must be unloaded.

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