

The following is information that you must be aware of regarding your concealed handgun license.

You **MUST** carry the license on your person whenever you carry a concealed handgun. Failure to do so could result in a charge of Unlawful Possession of a Firearm, a Class A Misdemeanor.

The following are places where firearm possession is regulated or prohibited:

ANY FEDERAL FACILITY

You cannot possess a firearm in a Federal Facility. The term "Federal Facility" means a building or part thereof owned or leased by the Federal Government or where Federal employees are regularly present for the purpose of performing their official duties. These areas include Federal Courthouses, the Post Office, Social Security Offices, and Recruiting Offices to name a few. (18 USC 930) Also, you may not take a firearm into a military post without the authorization of the post commander.

AIRPORTS

You cannot possess weapons in certain areas of airplanes or airports. If you have questions regarding areas off limits or transporting firearms in luggage, you should check with the Transportation Security Administration as regulations change frequently. A CHL does not permit you to carry your firearm through the security check point.

NATIONAL FORESTS OR WILDERNESS AREAS

Generally, persons who have obtained a valid concealed handgun license may carry their weapon onto National Forest Service or Bureau of Land Management lands unless there is a specific order issued by the local administrator or forest ranger to the contrary. Firearms are prohibited in any National Forest designated a game refuge or wildlife preserve except where authorized by the Forest Service. It is your responsibility to check on restrictions where you plan to visit. Be aware that any Ranger Station or Visitors Center in any National Forest is considered a Federal Building and it is illegal to carry there.

NATIONAL PARKS

Possession or use of firearms or other weapons in all National Park Systems areas is prohibited. If you plan to travel to a national park, you should plan where to store your firearm before entering the national park or leave your firearm home. If your travels with a firearm require you to enter a national park, unload your firearm, store the ammunition separately from the firearm, break down the firearm if possible so that it is not readily operable, and lock it away from access while you are driving. (36CFR2.4) Areas in Oregon that are part of the National Parks System are:

- 1) Fort Clatsop National Memorial
- 2) John Day Fossil Beds National Monument
- 3) Oregon Caves National Monument
- 4) Crater Lake National Park
- 5) Nez Perce National Historic Park

STATE FOREST LANDS

You may not possess loaded firearms on State forest lands that have been designated by the Forester as "Designated Recreation Areas". These areas may include, but are not limited to campgrounds, camping areas, day use areas, trailheads, staging areas, and boat launch sites. (OAR 629-025-0050)

INDIAN RESERVATIONS/PROPERTY

Because each tribal council makes the rules that apply on its reservation, the firearms rules on Indian reservations vary greatly. For the most part, non-Indians are prohibited from carrying guns on reservations or tribal lands except with the permission of the tribal council. Therefore, your CHL probably has no meaning on most Indian lands. Be aware that casinos are on tribal lands and you should not carry your firearm while visiting there.

SCHOOLS

Generally, persons who possess valid concealed handgun licenses are not prohibited from carrying their weapons on school property. However, you need to be aware that most college campuses have prohibitions on handgun possession contained in the Oregon Administrative Rules. Some of these prohibitions specifically prohibit possession even by concealed handgun license holders. Currently, OIT and OSU including Gill Coliseum and Reser Stadium prohibit any weapon possession even by CHL holders. You may be refused entry or be expelled from the property if you violate these rules. If you do not leave, you may be arrested for trespassing. Criminal Trespass While in Possession of a Firearm is a Class A Misdemeanor. Check the OAR specific to the campus you plan to visit or call the campus directly for the most up-to-date information.

COURT FACILITIES

You may not carry any weapon into a court facility. A court facility is defined as a courthouse or that portion of any other building occupied by the Circuit Court, the Court of Appeals, the Supreme Court, the Oregon Tax Court, occupied by personnel related to the operations of those courts, or in which activities related to the operations of those courts takes place. This prohibition applies to the entire courthouse, not just the areas adjacent to the courtrooms. Violation of this law is a Class A Felony. (ORS 166.370(2)(a))

PRIVATE BUSINESSES OR PRIVATE FACILITIES

Businesses can make it a condition that you not possess a firearm while being on the premises or in the facility. Most businesses do not regulate concealed carry, however you should expect this to occur at gun or collectable shows, conventions, concerts, and sporting events (one facility that regulates weapons is the Rose Quarter in Portland). If you are found to be carrying a firearm when prohibited, you may be denied a ticket sale, be evicted from or not be allowed onto the grounds, and if you don't leave when asked, possibly face arrest for trespass. If you paid an admission, you may not get a refund. Most businesses or venues will be posted at the entrance if this applies. If you are planning on attending an event and are unsure of the policies, you should call the facility or sponsor prior to attending.

WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW?

When asked by a law enforcement officer if you have a concealed handgun license, you should answer truthfully and describe the firearm, its location and its status (loaded, unloaded, etc.). The law does not require that you volunteer to officers that you have a license and firearm but you might consider doing so. You want to protect against surprise or concern under circumstances where an officer might discover that you are armed and mistake your intentions. You want to avoid becoming a threat or target simply because you are armed.

If a police officer stops you while you are driving and armed, follow some common sense rules (1) keep your hands visible, preferably on the steering wheel; (2) if your gun is accessible in the car or if the officer asks whether you have a gun, inform the officer that you are armed, that you have a CHL, and the location of your gun; (3) follow the officer's instructions (depending on the circumstances, you may or may not be asked to surrender your gun during the traffic stop); (4) if you are asked to surrender your gun, be certain that you communicate with the officer clearly regarding how you are to present the gun and always remember to follow gun safety rules.

RECIPROCITY

Remember that your concealed handgun license carries no force of law outside of Oregon unless recognized by another state. Generally, it is a license to carry a concealed handgun in Oregon only. For current information, you should check with the appropriate state, city, town or county before traveling outside of Oregon to learn about new CHL reciprocity agreements and whether your concealed handgun license is recognized currently at your travel destination.