**CONCEALED WEAPON PERMIT INFORMATION**

(Montana Statutes 45‑8‑315 through 45‑8‑328)

***PLEASE READ CAREFULLY:* INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE DENIED AND SENT BACK TO THE APPLICANT FOR COMPLETION**

**APPLICATIONS ARE ACCEPTED ON:**

**TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM**

* **The application fee is $50.00, payable by check or cash only. Application fee is non-refundable in the event it is determined that you are ineligible to receive a permit.**
* **You must present your Montana Driver's License or ID Card, and proof of weapons training.**

**For proof of weapons training, we accept the following:**

* Military Discharge Form DD 214 (to request a duplicate form, call MT Veterans Affairs at 755‑3795)
* Hunter Safety Certificate (to request a duplicate card, call 752-5501 (local), 444-4046 (Helena), or access online at fwp.mt.gov)
* We may consider a concealed weapons permit from another state
* Any other weapons training certificate from a certified instructor

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

A **concealed weapon** includes any weapon that is wholly or partially covered by clothing or wearing apparel. A permit is required if you will be concealing a weapon in an incorporated town (city). A weapon is dirk, dagger, pistol, revolver, slingshot, sword cane, billy, knuckles made of any hard substance, knife having a blade four inches (4”) long or longer, razor (not in­cluding a safety razor), or other deadly weapon.

You will be **ineligible** to receive a permit if you:

* Are ineligible under Montana or federal law to own, possess, or receive a firearm;
* Have been charged/awaiting judgment in any state/federal crime, punishable by incarcera­tion for 1 year;
* Have been convicted in any state or federal court in any state of a crime punishable by more than 1 year of incarcera­tion or, regardless of the sentence that may be imposed, a crime that includes as an element of the crime an act, attempted act, or threat of intentional homicide, violence, bodily or serious bodily harm, unlawful restraint, sexual abuse, or sexual inter­course or contact without consent;
* Have been convicted carrying a concealed weapon while under the influence OR in a prohibited place, unless you have been pardoned or 5 years have elapsed since the date of the conviction;
* Have a warrant of any state or the federal government out for your arrest;
* Have been adjudicated in a criminal or civil proceeding in a court of any state or in a federal court to be an unlaw­ful user of an intoxicating substance and are under a court order of imprisonment or other incarceration, probation, suspended, or deferred imposition of sentence, treatment or education, or other conditions of release or are otherwise under state supervision;
* Have been adjudicated in a criminal or civil proceeding in a court of any state or in a federal court to be mentally ill, mentally defective, or mentally disabled and are still subject to a disposition order of that court;
* Were dishonorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces.

The Sheriff may deny an applicant a permit to carry a concealed weapon if the Sheriff has reasonable cause to believe that the applicant is mentally ill, mentally defective, or mentally disabled or otherwise may be a threat to the peace and good order of the community to the extent that the applicant should not be allowed to carry a concealed weapon.

If you are issued a permit, you may **NOT**:

* Carry a concealed weapon while under the influence of an intoxicating substance;
* Carry a concealed weapon in a building owned or leased by the Federal, State or local government; bank, credit union, savings and loan or similar institution; room in which alcoholic beverages are sold, dispensed **and** consumed.

The permit may be revoked if any circumstances arise that would require the Sheriff to refuse to grant the permittee an original license. If your permit is revoked, you will be required to surrender it to any peace officer upon notification by the Sheriff.

**A person with a permit to carry a concealed weapon who changes his/her county of residence shall within 10 days of the change inform the Sheriff of both the old and new counties of residence of this change of residence and that he holds the permit. If his residence changes either from or to a city or town with a police force, he shall also inform the Chief of Police in each of those cities or towns.**

**APPLICATION MUST BE SIGNED IN FRONT OF SHERIFF OR SOMEONE DESIGNATED BY THE SHERIFF**