

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. How do I find more information, if my questions and concerns are not addressed here or elsewhere on this web site?

A. Please visit our “*Contact Us*” page! A human will get back to you as soon as possible!

Q. Why do I have to preferably return my Registration Form to you a week before my desired class date and time?

A. The instructor must have some time to plan for each class, its size and student makeup. That is, he must take into account each student’s goals with regard to why they’re taking the course or other instruction (which may remain confidential if desired) and what they hope to gain from the course. Also, you may indicate on your registration form that you have certain concerns or requirements in order to be able to take a class, perhaps about access to the classroom or you have a physical condition the instructor should be aware of, we may need some time to accommodate you. Perhaps you’re a female and would prefer to take a course only with other women, this would probably take some time to arrange, unless one to three other ladies joined you to take the same course on the same days and times – for which, by the way, you all would receive a 10% discount on the cost of the course and a one-time 10% discount on the purchase of a firearm! Finally, one last reason is that we would like your payment to have time clear your bank or your credit card company!

Q. How do I or may I make payment for my course, range time or other instruction?

A. Please visit the “*Registration*” page for a comprehensive overview! There is too much information there to repeat it here! If you still have a question or concern, please give us a call, text or email! *Thanks!*

Q. How do I get a refund if I feel I have a legitimate reason to request one?

A. About Refunds: If, due to an Act of God circumstance forcing a cancellation of a class or a canceled class because of a beyond-the-control-of-the-instructor event or some other likely unanticipated situation, a registered student prefers to not schedule for the next class or some other arrangement cannot be made, a full refund will be in the mail as soon as possible. *Sorry, we cannot provide a refund when a student (or students) cancels within 72 hours of a scheduled class.*

Q. What if I have to cancel my class?

A. Certainly, you may cancel. We know things come up and we can't always make things work out time wise. Hopefully, you will still want to attend a class at a later date and time. If you do, please contact us. We'll work you to get you into another class. However, please see the previous answer about refunds.

Q. May I bring my own handgun and ammo to the range when I take the "Course of Fire"?

A. Yes. However, no loaded firearm(s) is/are allowed in the classroom! Also, do NOT bring ammo into the classroom! You may also bring your own ear and eye protection to the range. Doing so reduces your course cost by **\$10.00**. If we provide a handgun, ammo, ear and eye protection, the cost adds **\$20.00** to the **\$100.00** base cost of the course.

Q. Two courses are described on the Home page, a Basic Handgun Course and an Advanced Handgun Course. I didn't see a Concealed Carry Course mentioned. Do you offer one?

A. Yes. It is the combination of the two described courses taken consecutively with the requirement of a "Course of Fire" (range time) taken after the **Advanced Handgun Course**. The two courses are \$50.00 each; together \$100.00. With range time added, the total cost is \$110.00 when the student supplies a handgun, ammo, and ear and eye protection or \$120.00 when these items are provided by Friendly Village Firearms (FVF).

Q. If I register for the two classes and range time, that is, the concealed carry course, how should I come prepared for the classroom?

A. In short, dress informally and comfortably and please also see the answer to the next question as well! Dress for the season. You may bring note taking stuff although pens and paper are provided. Unless you're taking the two classes on different days, you may wish to bring a simple lunch to tide you over a morning and afternoon class. You may wish to bring something simple to snack on although coffee, tea, cocoa and water are available in the classroom. Please visit our "*About Class*" page. There is considerably more relative information there.

Q. If I elect range time, how should I come prepared for that?

A. Dress informally for the range, too! Also, comfortably and for the season. Foot wear should be comfortable and provide good support. The range is outdoors and the ground is uneven in places. Bring a jacket or other warm outer garment if it's fall, winter or early spring. Wear a long sleeve shirt or blouse which will afford you protection from an ejected empty, but "hot" cartridge casing. Also, preferably wear a shirt with a collar that can be buttoned. On occasion, said "hot brass" has been known to enter an open neck shirt, blouse, sweater or "hoody". Do not solely rely on your prescription glasses to provide eye protection. You should consider bringing over-the-glasses safety glasses. Chances are your time at the range will be fun, instructive, informative and otherwise uneventful. As in the previous question, please visit our "[About Class](#)" page. There is considerably more relative information there.

Q. If I do not intend to apply for a State of Maine Concealed Handgun Permit because I understand a permit to carry a handgun concealed is no longer required in the State of Maine, may I take just the [Basic Handgun Course](#)?

A. Yes, of course. The course is **\$50.00** and, if time on the pistol range is desired after the class, the cost is **\$10.00** more when the student supplies the handgun, ammo, ear and eye or **\$20.00** more, if we provide these items for the student's use. It is strongly recommended that range time be taken after this course, especially, as asked, when the student does not intend to apply for the permit. It is particularly encouraged when the student also does not want to take the [Advanced Handgun Course](#). That said, it is not a requirement unless applying for the permit. However, **it is a matter of the instructor's conscience to know the student has some experience firing a handgun safely and that should also be a concern of the student.**

Q. May I take only the [Advanced Handgun Course](#)?

A. Yes, of course, you may whether you intend to apply or not apply for the concealed carry permit. If the student does intend to apply for the permit, it is a matter of our policy that he/she must have successfully completed the [Basic Handgun Course](#) within the last year and have taken the required range time either after the [Basic Handgun Course](#) or plan to do so after the [Advanced Handgun Course](#). The course is **\$50.00 and a "[Course of Fire](#)" must be taken after one or the other course in order to qualify to apply for the State permit. Whether intending to apply for the permit or not, time on the pistol range after this course is **\$10.00** more when the student supplies the handgun, ammo, ear and eye or **\$20.00** more, if we supply these items.**

Q. If I do not intend to apply for a State of Maine Concealed Handgun Permit, do I have to take range time after the **Basic Handgun Course or after the **Advanced Handgun Course**?**

A. No. It is only a requirement when applying for the permit. **However, it is a matter of the instructor's conscience to know the student has some experience firing a handgun safely and that should also be a concern of the student.**

Q. If applying for the permit, are there other State of Maine requirements in addition to taking a course of instruction to that end and the "Course of Fire**"?**

A. Yes. One must be of age and an application must be requested, filled out and submitted with the requisite application fee. A background check must be satisfactorily completed. For more information, visit: http://www.maine.gov/dps/msp/licenses/weapons_permits.html
Also, for much more information and probably many answers to your questions, visit the following site for the "**State Of Maine Concealed Handgun Permit Handbook**":
<http://www.maine.gov/dps/msp/licenses/documents/Weapons/CFP%20Booklet.pdf>

Q. Where do I get an application for a State of Maine Concealed Handgun permit?

A. For a Maine resident permit: <http://www.maine.gov/dps/msp/licenses/documents/Weapons/resident%20application%20package.pdf>

For a non-resident permit: <http://www.maine.gov/dps/msp/licenses/documents/Weapons/non-resident%20application%20package.pdf>

Q. Where does one apply for the State of Maine Concealed Handgun permit?

A. If a town in which the Maine resident lives has a Police Department, usually the applicant must apply to that department. If that is not the case, the application is submitted to the Maine State Police. Visit the following site to see if the State Police issues the permit for your town or municipality: <http://www.maine.gov/dps/msp/licenses/documents/Weapons/Concealed%20Handgun%20Permits%20-%20Town%20Listing.pdf>

If you do not see the name of the city\town you live in on this list, please contact your respective city/town office for more information on how to apply for a concealed handgun permit.

Q. What are the age requirements for a State of Maine Concealed Handgun

permit?

A. The applicant must be 21. However, a permit may be issued to an applicant under the age of 18 in certain extenuating circumstances, such as a condition of work. Although a permit is not required in Maine, a person who is 18 and has yet to reach the age of 21 must have a valid Maine permit in his/her possession when carrying a concealed handgun in Maine unless he/she is an active duty member of one of the US armed forces components; an active duty member of the National Guard; or an active duty member of a US Reserve unit. See the next question for an additional reference source about this area of concern.

Q. Is there a web site I should visit which provides information about the State of Maine Concealed Handgun permit program?

A. Yes. It is strongly recommended that one interested in the program visit the following web site: http://www.maine.gov/dps/msp/licenses/weapons_permits.html

Also, visit the other State of Maine web sites highlighted throughout the FAQs for more insight into State of Maine laws relating to permits to carry concealed handguns in Maine.

Q. I plan to travel with my handgun at some point after my training, is it advisable to apply for the State of Maine Concealed Handgun Permit even though a resident permit is no longer required in Maine? Does a non-resident have to have a permit issued from his/her state to carry concealed in Maine?

A. First, no, to the second question. Yes, to the first question because a permit is required in most states. This even though, at this writing (Feb. 1, 2017), there are ten other states who agree with each other regarding “Constitutional Carry” (no permit required), New Hampshire being the latest to allow permit-less concealed carry. Other states are in the process of doing the same.

Nevertheless, you are expected to be aware of laws that may differ from those of your state. States seem to change their laws frequently regarding this and other specific related matters, especially with regard to where carrying open or concealed is prohibited. A good source of state-by-state laws regarding traveling with firearms and carrying concealed handguns is the annual publication of the **“Traveler’s Guide to the Firearm Laws of the Fifty States”**. It’s available on Amazon, many online firearms sites and many sporting goods stores for \$19.95 and shipping. (It’s worth every dime.)

If flying, ensure you check with the airline(s) with whom you’re flying. Also, check out the following TSA web site for specific guidance with regard to air terminal security requirements, storage and baggage regulations: <https://www.tsa.gov/travel/transporting-firearms-and-ammunition>

Q. Besides information on state sites, are there other sources of information I should consider looking into?

A. Indeed. Seriously consider becoming either an NRA member or USCCA member; perhaps become a member of your local shooting club or Fish and Game Club. These organizations keep you abreast of firearms legislation as well as providing you with other valuable firearms related information.

Q. Should I consider getting firearm insurance?

A. Definitely! Especially, legal defense insurance. In particular, the NRA and USCCA offer firearm insurance with their membership programs. The NRA's initial insurance offering, however, is limited, only to insuring against firearms loss up to a limit, whereas USCCA membership provides three levels of legal defense protection at a reasonable cost. The NRA does offer legal defense insurance aside from their initial firearms loss insurance. ***If you're carrying now or plan to, please get insurance!*** The cost is a pittance compared to what you might lose. Home and auto insurance do not fill the bill. They are specific insurance and so is legal firearm insurance. Prosecuting attorneys are known to interpret firearms laws in a variety of ways. Carrying concealed is serious business. One slight oversight in not doing what you should can be costly. If convicted, you might have to appeal. Attorney's fees are expensive. Even though you may have saved your life and/or protected your loved ones, you could still lose everything you've worked hard to gain because of legal fees.