

FIREARMS PROHIBITORS

No person convicted for a Felony or a Misdemeanor crime of domestic violence involving the use or threatened use of physical force or a deadly weapon may possess any firearms in Connecticut.

No person may obtain a Pistol Permit, Eligibility Certificate, or possess any handguns if they are less than 21 years of age, subject to a Protective or Restraining Order, or if they have been convicted of a felony, or convicted in Connecticut for any of the following misdemeanors:

Illegal possession of narcotics or other controlled substances - 21a-279

Criminally negligent homicide - 53a-58

Assault in the third degree - 53a-61

Assault of a victim 60 or older in the third degree - 53a-61a

Threatening - 53a-62

Reckless endangerment in the first degree - 53a-63

Unlawful restraint in the second degree - 53a-96

Riot in the first degree - 53a-175

Riot in the second degree - 53a-176

Inciting to riot - 53a-178

Stalking in the second degree - 53a-181d, or

Has been convicted as delinquent for the commission of a serious juvenile offense, or

Has been discharged from custody within the preceding twenty years after having been found not guilty of a crime by reason of mental disease or defect , or

Has been confined in a hospital for persons with psychiatric disabilities, as defined in section 17a-495, within the preceding sixty months by order of a probate court,

Has been voluntarily admitted to a hospital for persons with psychiatric disabilities as defined in 17a-495 within the preceding six months for care and treatment of a psychiatric disability and not solely for alcohol or drug dependency, or

Is subject to a firearms seizure order issued pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 29-38c after notice and an opportunity to be heard has been provided to such person, or is an alien illegally or unlawfully in the United States.

Any federal disqualifiers listed in Title 18 U.S.C Chapter 44.

The firearms prohibitors apply to; Pistol Permits and Eligibility Certificate for Pistols and Revolvers , and Eligibility Certificate for Long Guns if convicted after October 1, 1994. The prohibiting misdemeanors also apply to Ammunition Certificate if convicted on or after July 1, 2013. Felonies and federal prohibitors apply to all permits and certificates as well as gun sales, no matter what the date of conviction.

SURRENDERS

INELIGIBLE PERSONS

Those persons deemed ineligible to possess (see firearm prohibitors) are required to relinquish their firearms by one of the following methods:

- 1) Turn your firearms in to the police. Your guns will be held for up to one year. You may at any time during the year transfer your guns to an eligible person. After the expiration of one year if your status has not changed your guns will be destroyed. You must notify the Special Licensing and Firearms Unit immediately at (860) 685-8285 to advise when and to which police department you turned in your firearms.
- 2) If instead you choose to legally transfer your firearms to an eligible person you must telephone the Special Licensing and Firearms Unit at (860) 685-8400 for an authorization number for each individual hand gun and long gun. A NICS background check will be conducted on the recipient at that time. You must then submit the sale or transfer form DPS-3C to the State Police.

Domestic Violence

Connecticut General Statute 29-36k requires that within two (2) business days of such occurrence you must;

1. Transfer, in accordance with C.G.S. §§ 29-33 , and 29-36k, all pistols, revolvers, firearms and ammunition you possess to a federally licensed firearms dealer pursuant to the sale of the pistol, revolver or other firearms; **or**
2. Deliver or surrender any/all firearms and ammunition to any Connecticut State Police Troop or organized municipal police department—not to include Headquarters in Middletown

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

If you possess firearms which you would like to turn in to the Connecticut State Police for voluntary destruction or for police use, you should make arrangements through your local State Police barracks in advance.

Your Guide to Firearms and Permits in Connecticut



SPECIAL LICENSING AND FIREARMS UNIT

Phone: (860) 685-8290

Fax: (860) 685-8496

Web site: www.ct.gov/despp

SPECIAL LICENSING AND FIREARMS UNIT

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Transferring a Handgun

Federal Law states you may only buy a handgun in the state in which you reside.

You can only buy a handgun in Connecticut if in addition to being a resident, you are at least 21 years of age and you possess a valid Permit to Carry Pistols or Revolvers, a valid Eligibility Certificate or if you are a sworn Police Officer.

You must first complete an Application to Purchase Firearms (DPS -67-C). This form shall be retained by the seller for 20 years.

The seller of the handgun shall then contact the Special Licensing and Firearms Unit @ **(860) 685-8400**, or **(888) 335-8438** and obtain an authorization number for that sale. Four copies of the Sale or Transfer form DPS-3-C must be completed. The original copy is kept by the seller (for a minimum of 5 years). One copy is given to the purchaser as a receipt. One copy shall be forwarded to the Special Licensing and Firearms Unit. One copy must be sent to the Chief of Police in the town where the purchaser resides.

Transferring a Long Gun

Effective April 1, 2014

After April 1, 2014 you will be required to have a valid Pistol Permit, Eligibility Certificate to Purchase Pistols or Revolvers, Eligibility Certificate to Purchase Long Guns, or a be a Police Officer or one of the exemption listed in law, to purchase long guns. You must be 18 years of age. You must first complete an Application to Purchase Firearms (DPS -67-C) and a Sale or Transfer of All Firearms form (DPS-3-C). This form shall be retained by the seller for 20 years. The seller of the long gun shall then follow the steps set out under HANDGUN purchase above.

Appealing Your Denial

In the event that you have been denied authorization to purchase a firearm, you must request the reason for such denial by contacting the Special Licensing and Firearms Unit at (860) 685-8290 to determine the basis for your denial during regular business hours.

NICS

If the reason for your denial was a result of the National Instant Criminal Background Check, you must make a written request to:

Federal Bureau of Investigation, NICS Operations Center, Research and Analysis, P.O. Box 4278, Clarksburg, West Virginia, 26302-4278. Include your mailing address and the NICS Transaction Number and NRI, NICS Record Identifier (obtained from the Special Licensing and Firearms Unit).

Pistol Permits

Once you have received your Temporary State Permit, you may apply to the DESPP for your State Permit. The cost of the State Permit is an additional \$70.00 and is valid for a period of five years. You will be required to have your photograph taken upon application and renewals. Applications and renewals shall be accepted at locations listed on the back of this brochure. Renewal notices will be sent to permit holders ninety days prior to expiration. There is a ninety day grace period after the expiration of your permit during which you may renew. Renewal instructions are available on-line at www.ct.gov/despp.

State Law requires the holder of a Pistol Permit to notify the Special Licensing and Firearms Unit of any change of residence address within two business days.

Lost or stolen Pistol Permits should be reported immediately in order to replace them. A \$5.00 duplication fee will be charged.

Ammunition Certificates

Effective October 1, 2013

If you do not intend to purchase anymore firearms after October 1, 2013 but would like to continue to purchase ammunition, you will be required to possess a Ammunition Certificate, or be listed as an exempted person, i.e., police officer. You must apply on a form DESPP-417C, and come to one of the DESPP permit offices to have your photograph taken. The fee is \$35.00 for a 5 year certificate and your renewal will be sent 90 days prior to expiration. **Applicants who have been convicted of any felony at any time or of any of the misdemeanors after July 1, 2013 will be denied.**

Eligibility Certificate to Purchase Long Guns

Effective April 1, 2014

After April 1, 2014 you will be required to possess a valid Eligibility Certificate to Purchase Long Guns, if you do not already possess a pistol permit or eligibility certificate for the purchase of pistols or revolvers. You may also purchase ammunition with this certificate. You may apply directly to DESPP on a DPS-799-C form, which you may obtain on-line at www.ct.gov/despp, under the Special Licensing and Firearms page. It is a 5 year certificate and renewal will be sent 90 days prior to expiration. The fee is \$35.00 plus \$50.00 for the State fingerprint and \$14.75 for the FBI fingerprint fee. **Applicants who have been convicted of any felony at any time or of any of the misdemeanors after October 1, 1994 will be denied.**

Machine Guns

Machine Guns are strictly regulated by the U.S. Department of Treasury, Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) as well as the Connecticut State Police, Special Licensing and Firearms Unit (SLFU).

Connecticut residents may purchase Machine Guns if they are capable of a "full automatic only" rate of fire. Any select fire weapon is considered an "Assault Weapon" and is prohibited by State Law.

Dealers who are licensed to sell Machine Guns have all the necessary Federal paperwork required for that transaction.

Any Connecticut resident who owns a Machine Gun is required to complete State form DPS 418C, registering that Machine Gun with the SLFU immediately upon receiving it, and upon an annual basis thereafter.

Registered owners will be notified yearly with a registration form-letter which must be signed and returned to the SLFU prior to July 1 annually.

If you currently own a Machine Gun and do not receive a yearly registration form, you must contact the SLFU for instructions on registering your firearm.

Gun Shows

A Gun Show is defined as any event at which fifty or more firearms are offered or exhibited for sale, transfer or exchange and any event at which two or more persons are exhibiting one or more firearms for sale, transfer or exchange to the public.

All sales, transfers or exchanges taking place at a Gun Show require the seller to obtain an authorization number from the Special Licensing and Firearms Unit at 860-685-8400 or toll-free in-state at 888-335-8438.

Assault Weapons

Connecticut General Statutes Section 53-202a as amended by Public Acts 13-3 and 13-220, assault weapons are described and defined in portion as: *"(1) Any selective-fire firearm capable of fully automatic, semiautomatic or burst fire at the option of the user or any of the specified semiautomatic firearms..."*

For a complete text of law and list of banned firearms, check on www.ct.gov/despp, Special Licensing and Firearms section or at the Legislative web site at www.cga.ct.gov. Refer to Public Act 13-3 and Public Act 13-220.

Assault weapons owners must obtain a Certificate of Possession (DPS-414-C) prior to January 1, 2014.

IF YOU POSSESS AN UNREGISTERED "ASSAULT WEAPON" AFTER JANUARY 1, 2014, YOU MAY CALL OUR OFFICE TO ARRANGE ITS DESTRUCTION AT NO RISK OF PENALTY.

PHOTO PERMIT LOCATIONS AND HOURS

DPS Headquarters 1111 Country Club Rd. Middletown, Ct. 06457 (860) 685-8494	Mon. through Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Troop E I-395 (between exits 6 & 9) Montville, CT 06382 (860) 848-6539	Tues., Wed., Fri., & Sat. 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. 12:30 p.m.—3:45 p.m. Thurs. 11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. 2:30 p.m.—6:45 p.m.
Troop G 149 Prospect St. Bridgeport, CT 06604 (203) 696-2532	Tues., Wed., Fri., & Sat. 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. 12:30 p.m.—3:45 p.m. Thurs. 11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. 2:30 p.m.—6:45 p.m.

Troop permit offices are closed during

inclement weather.

Agency Privacy Requirements for Noncriminal Justice Applicants

Authorized governmental and non-governmental agencies/officials that conduct a national fingerprint-based criminal history record check on an applicant for a noncriminal justice purpose (such as a job or license, immigration or naturalization matter, security clearance, or adoption) are obligated to ensure the applicant is provided certain notice and other information and that the results of the check are handled in a manner that protects the applicant's privacy.

- Officials must provide to the applicant written notice¹ that his/her fingerprints will be used to check the criminal history records of the FBI.
- Officials using the FBI criminal history record (if one exists) to make a determination of the applicant's suitability for the job, license, or other benefit must provide the applicant the opportunity to complete or challenge the accuracy of the information in the record.
- Officials must advise the applicant that procedures for obtaining a change, correction, or updating of an FBI criminal history record are set forth at Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 16.34.
- Officials should not deny the job, license, or other benefit based on information in the criminal history record until the applicant has been afforded a reasonable time to correct or complete the record or has declined to do so.
- Officials must use the criminal history record solely for the purpose requested and cannot disseminate the record outside the receiving department, related agency, or other authorized entity.²

The FBI has no objection to officials providing a copy of the applicant's FBI criminal history record to the applicant for review and possible challenge when the record was obtained based on positive fingerprint identification. If agency policy permits, this courtesy will save the applicant the time and additional FBI fee to obtain his/her record directly from the FBI by following the procedures found at 28 CFR 16.30 through 16.34. It will also allow the officials to make a more timely determination of the applicant's suitability.

Each agency should establish and document the process/procedures it utilizes for how/when it gives the applicant notice, what constitutes "a reasonable time" for the applicant to correct or complete the record, and any applicant appeal process that is afforded the applicant. Such documentation will assist State and/or FBI auditors during periodic compliance reviews on use of criminal history records for noncriminal justice purposes.

If you need additional information or assistance, contact:

<p>Connecticut Records: Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection State Police Bureau of Identification (SPBI) 1111 Country Club Road Middletown, CT 06457 860-685-8480</p>	<p>Out-of-State Records: Agency of Record OR FBI CJIS Division-Summary Request 1000 Custer Hollow Road Clarksburg, West Virginia 26306</p>
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¹ Written notification includes electronic notification, but excludes oral notification.

² See 5 U.S.C. 552a(b); 28 U.S.C. 534(b); 42 U.S.C. 14616, Article IV(c); 28 CFR 20.21(c), 20.33(d), 50.12(b) and 906.2(d).

Noncriminal Justice Applicant's Privacy Rights

As an applicant who is the subject of a national fingerprint-based criminal history record check for a noncriminal justice purpose (such as an application for a job or license, an immigration or naturalization matter, security clearance, or adoption), you have certain rights which are discussed below.

- You must be provided written notification³ by **Branford Police Department** that your fingerprints will be used to check the criminal history records of the FBI.
- If you have a criminal history record, the officials making a determination of your suitability for the job, license, or other benefit must provide you the opportunity to complete or challenge the accuracy of the information in the record.
- The officials must advise you that the procedures for obtaining a change, correction, or updating of your criminal history record are set forth at Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 16.34.
- If you have a criminal history record, you should be afforded a reasonable amount of time to correct or complete the record (or decline to do so) before the officials deny you the job, license, or other benefit based on information in the criminal history record.⁴
- You have the right to expect that officials receiving the results of the criminal history record check will use it only for authorized purposes and will not retain or disseminate it in violation of federal statute, regulation or executive order, or rule, procedure or standard established by the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact Council.⁵
- If agency policy permits, the officials may provide you with a copy of your FBI criminal history record for review and possible challenge. If agency policy does not permit it to provide you a copy of the record, you may obtain a copy of the record by submitting fingerprints and a fee to the FBI. Information regarding this process may be obtained at <http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/background-checks>.
- If you decide to challenge the accuracy or completeness of your FBI criminal history record, you should send your challenge to the agency that contributed the questioned information to the FBI. Alternatively, you may send your challenge directly to the FBI at the same address as provided above. The FBI will then forward your challenge to the agency that contributed the questioned information and request the agency to verify or correct the challenged entry. Upon receipt of an official communication from that agency, the FBI will make any necessary changes/corrections to your record in accordance with the information supplied by that agency. (See 28 CFR 16.30 through 16.34.)
- If you need additional information or assistance, please contact:

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Privacy Act Statement

Authority: The FBI's acquisition, preservation, and exchange of fingerprints and associated information is generally authorized under 28 U.S.C. 534. Depending on the nature of your application, supplemental authorities include Federal statutes, State statutes pursuant to Pub. L. 92-544, Presidential Executive Orders, and federal. Providing your fingerprints and associated information is voluntary; however, failure to do so may affect completion or approval of your application.

Social Security Account Number (SSAN). Your SSAN is needed to keep records accurate because other people may have the same name and birth date. Pursuant to the Federal Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a), the requesting agency is responsible for informing you whether disclosure is mandatory or voluntary, by what statutory or other authority your SSAN is solicited, and what uses will be made of it. Executive Order 9397 also asks Federal agencies to use this number to help identify individuals in agency records.

Principal Purpose: Certain determinations, such as employment, licensing, and security clearances, may be predicated on fingerprint-based background checks. Your fingerprints and associated information/biometrics may be provided to the employing, investigating, or otherwise responsible agency, and/or the FBI for the purpose of comparing your fingerprints to other fingerprints in the FBI's Next Generation Identification (NGI) system or its successor systems (including civil, criminal, and latent fingerprint repositories) or other available records of the employing, investigating, or otherwise responsible agency. The FBI may retain your fingerprints and associated information/biometrics in NGI after the completion of this application and, while retained, your fingerprints may continue to be compared against other fingerprints submitted to or retained by NGI.

Routine Uses: During the processing of this application and for as long thereafter as your fingerprints and associated information/biometrics are retained in NGI, your information may be disclosed pursuant to your consent, and may be disclosed without your consent as permitted by the Privacy Act of 1974 and all applicable Routine Uses as may be published at any time in the Federal Register, including the Routine Uses for the NGI system and the FBI's Blanket Routine Uses. Routine uses include, but are not limited to, disclosures to: employing, governmental or authorized non-governmental agencies responsible for employment, contracting licensing, security clearances, and other suitability determinations; local, state, tribal, or federal law enforcement agencies; criminal justice agencies; and agencies responsible for national security or public safety.

Additional Information: The requesting agency and/or the agency conducting the application-investigation will provide you additional information pertinent to the specific circumstances of this application, which may include identification of other authorities, purposes, uses, and consequences of not providing requested information. In addition, any such agency in the Federal Executive Branch has also published notice in the Federal Register describing any systems(s) of records in which that agency may also maintain your records, including the authorities, purposes, and routine uses for the system(s).