

Pistol Permit Instructions:

Along with exercising your right to carry a firearm, you now have certain responsibilities. Certain procedures have also been outlined which you should follow. Please familiarize yourself with the following items to avoid the possibility of problems in the future.

1. Always exercise extreme caution and develop proper safety habits when carrying or using a firearm.
2. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to be well-informed as to when you are justified in using a firearm for self-defense. ARTICLE 35 NY STATE PENAL LAW.
3. It is understood that your firearm will be carried ONLY FOR THE REASONS APPROVED BY THE COURT. To carry your firearm otherwise may result in the suspension and/or revocation of your license.
4. Any criminal charges filed against you will cause an immediate suspension of your permit until the charges are resolved in court.
5. You MUST have your ORIGINAL, MOST RECENTLY-ISSUED license on your person AT ALL TIMES whenever you carry a firearm with you. Photocopies or scanned copies are NOT valid.
6. Buy or sell firearms through a licensed NYS firearms dealer. If a firearm is purchased from a private individual, a bill of sale is required giving make, caliber and serial number of firearm, along with his/her name, address and NYS Pistol License number and County of Issue. If from a Police Officer, a copy of the C-Form showing the badge number and agency is required. DO NOT TAKE POSSESSION OF ANY FIREARM UNTIL IT IS REGISTERED TO YOUR LICENSE BY OUR OFFICE. If a purchase is made from a dealer, a coupon will be given to you after the firearm is registered.
7. REPORT LOST OR STOLEN FIREARMS IMMEDIATELY to your local police department first AND THEN TO our department. Your report to us must include a copy of the police report. Your firearm will then be removed from your license.
8. There is NO LIMIT to the number of firearms that may be added to your license. However, ALL FIREARMS in your possession, UNLESS EXEMPT, must be registered.
9. Firearms MAY NOT be carried on school property or in schools, on airplanes, in Federal Government buildings, or Erie County parks, UNLESS special permission is obtained first.
10. NEVER leave your firearms in your car. If it is ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY to do so, LOCK THEM IN YOUR TRUNK IN A GUN CASE, UNLOADED.

11. For your own safety, and the safety of others, it is NOT CONSIDERED a good policy to take your firearm into public buildings, taverns, restaurants, sporting events or parties. Firearm(s) will be appropriately handled.
12. When taking your firearm(s) through, or moving to another state, you MUST ABIDE by the laws of that state. FEDERAL LAW requires that firearms are to be shipped by a LOCAL N.Y. STATE FIREARMS DEALER to a LOCAL FIREARMS DEALER IN THE OTHER STATE, where you can make arrangements to take possession. THIS ALSO APPLIES TO ANY PURCHASES, SALES OR GIFTS OUTSIDE OF NEW YORK STATE.
13. Your license IS NOT TRANSFERABLE. Upon your death, your estate must, within 15 days, turn over your firearm(s) to another pistol permit holder; a licensed dealer; or your local police department.
14. Your estate is also requested to notify the Erie County Pistol Permit Office of your passing, along with a copy of a death certificate and information about the disposition of your firearm(s), so that the license may be canceled.
15. It is suggested that you place a copy of these instructions with your valuable papers such as your will so that your license and firearm(s) will be appropriately handled.
16. Please remember that your safety and the safety of others depends upon the proper care and use of any firearms which you may possess. You should keep this list of responsibilities in a safe place where you will be able to refer to them from time to time.

PLEASE REPORT TO THE ERIE COUNTY PISTOL PERMIT DEPARTMENT

- Any change in your residence
- Any change in your employment, occupation
- Any loss or disposition of a weapon must be reported by you to this office within (10) ten days of such change.

FAILURE TO GIVE SUCH NOTICE WILL BE CONSIDERED SUFFICIENT GROUNDS FOR REVOCATION OF YOUR LICENSE.