

Concealed Handgun License

208.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

A Sheriff is given the statutory authority to issue a license to carry a concealed handgun to residents within the community. This policy will provide a written process for the application, issuance and revocation of such permits (ORC § 2923.125).

208.2 CARRYING CONCEALED HANDGUNS IN RESTRICTED AREAS

Concealed handgun licensees are prohibited or limited from carrying concealed handguns at specified locations. Examples of these locations include (ORC § 2923.126(B)):

- (a) Law enforcement and detention facilities.
- (b) Department of Mental Health or the Department of Developmental Disabilities facilities.
- (c) Airports or public agencies with restricted security access.
- (d) A school safety zone (ORC § 2923.122).
- (e) Courthouses (ORC § 2923.123).
- (f) Any premises or open-air arena in which any person is consuming liquor (ORC § 2923.121).
- (g) Colleges, universities or other institution of higher education.
- (h) Places of worship.
- (i) Any state or local government building that is not used primarily as a shelter, restroom, parking facility or a rest facility.
- (j) Any place in which federal law prohibits the carrying of handguns.
- (k) Properly posted lands or premises.

208.3 RECOGNITION OF PERMITS FROM OTHER STATES

A person who possesses a license to carry a concealed handgun that was issued by another state, with which the attorney general has entered into a reciprocity agreement, has lawful authority to carry a handgun in Ohio (ORC § 109.69). Additional exceptions may apply in instances where the attorney general has not entered into a reciprocity agreement with the issuing state or when the person is temporarily in the state of Ohio (ORC § 109.69).

The permit issued by the other state does not supersede Ohio laws or regulations. If the permit holder becomes or is prohibited from possession of a handgun under Ohio law, the permit from another state is not valid to carry a handgun in Ohio.