

Pennsylvania

General Summary:

Pennsylvania is an open carry state, however to carry a “firearm” as defined by Title 18 Sec. 6102 in a motor vehicle you need a license to carry firearms. You need a license to carry a firearm concealed.

Open Carry:

Yes, except you need a license to carry a “firearm” as defined by Title 18 Sec. 6102 in a motor vehicle:

"Firearm." Any pistol or revolver with a barrel length less than 15 inches, any shotgun with a barrel length less than 18 inches or any rifle with a barrel length less than 16 inches, or any pistol, revolver, rifle or shotgun with an overall length of less than 26 inches. The barrel length of a firearm shall be determined by measuring from the muzzle of the barrel to the face of the closed action, bolt or cylinder, whichever is applicable.

You also need a license to “open carry” in the city of Philadelphia.

Concealed Carry:

Yes, with license.

Reciprocity:

Alaska	Arizona	Arkansas	Colorado
Florida	Georgia	Idaho	Indiana
Kentucky	Louisiana	Michigan	Missouri
Montana	New Hampshire	North Carolina	North Dakota
Oklahoma	South Dakota	Tennessee	Texas
Utah	Virginia	West Virginia	Wyoming

Transporting in Vehicle:

As a general rule unless the subject possesses a license to carry firearms it is unlawful for any person to have a firearm of any kind in or on or against any conveyance propelled by mechanical power or its

attachments at any time whether or not the vehicle or its attachment is in motion unless the firearm is unloaded.

Relevant PA Weapons Statutes:

Title 18 Sec. 6102

Title 18 Sec. 6106

Title 18 Sec. 6106.1

Title 34, Chapter 25, Sec. 2503

Links:

Link to PA firearms statutes: www.acslpa.org/pa_uniform_firearms_act.htm

Link to PA Hunting Regulations: www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/pgc/9106

Picture of Permit:

SP 4-129 (12-2003) PENNSYLVANIA LICENSE TO CARRY FIREARMS Valid until expiration date indicated unless revoked.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEW <input type="checkbox"/> RENEW <input type="checkbox"/> DUPLICATE		NO. 140 [REDACTED]	
VALID WITHOUT PHOTO	3. DOB	4. DATE ISSUED	5. DATE EXPIRES	6. REASON TO CARRY	
	08/16/69	02/13/2009	02/13/2014	Self-defense	
	7. SSN	8. HGT	9. WGT	10. EYES	11. HAIR
	XXX-XX-XXXX	511	170	Hazel	Blonde
	12. SEX	13. RACE	14. U.S. CITIZEN	15. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP	
M	W	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	USA		
16. IMMIGRATION ID NUMBER (IF APP)			17. SIGNATURE OF LICENSEE		
18. SIGNATURE OF ISSUING AUTHORITY			19. SHERIFF OR CHIEF OF POLICE OF:		
[REDACTED]			[REDACTED] County		
1. (LAST)	(FIRST)	(MIDDLE)	(JR., ETC.)		
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		
2. ADDRESS		[REDACTED]			

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This is an example of one type of permit. Currently, there is no standardized permit.