



Friday March 18th, 2016:

Gun Laws

“What do I need to do to be able to carry a gun in this state?”

In Arizona you can carry a weapon in either plain view or concealed view per Arizona Revised Statute (ARS) 4-229.

Open carry refers to carrying a weapon in plain sight and you do not have to have a permit as long as the weapon is in plain sight.

Concealed carry refers to carrying a weapon that is concealed from plain sight and you do not have to have a permit. Since July of 2010 you can carry a concealed weapon without a permit anywhere that open carry was previously permitted.

However, **keep in mind** there are many restrictions regarding concealed carrying of a weapon:

- You will need a permit to carry a concealed weapon into a bar, restraint, or any business offering alcoholic beverages.
- You MUST comply with signage indicating weapons are not permitted- typically these restrictions can be expected in the following areas: federal buildings, public schools, polling places and game refuges.
- Also be aware laws and regulations on Native American lands may differ from ARS.
- You MUST answer honestly if a police officer asks if you are carrying a weapon and be aware the officer may confiscate the weapon during the stop.
- The ARS concealed carry legislation calls for stiffer penalties for crimes committed by people carrying

In order **to obtain a concealed weapons permit**, you must:

- Be a resident of Arizona
- Be 21 years of age or older
- Not be under indictment for a felony offense
- Not be convicted of a felony offense
- Not suffer from mental illness, not mentally incompetent, and not committed to a mental institution
- Not be unlawfully present in the United States
- Complete a firearms safety training program

This information was collected from an article titled [“Is It Legal To Carry a Gun in Phoenix, Arizona?”](#) written September 25, 2014 by Judy Hedding- About Travel Phoenix Expert. To learn more, read the entire article as it provides additional information and details regarding open and concealed carry laws. ****THIS ARTICLE IS A GUIDELINE AND IS NOT ALL INCLUSIVE OF ALL GUN LAWS AND REQUIREMENTS.** Refer to Arizona Revised Statutes www.azleg.gov/ArizonaRevisedStatutes.asp for further information and details.