

Frequently Asked Questions

Concerning the Implementation of Concealed Carry

Q: I own a business. What am I required to do if I choose not to allow concealed weapons on the premises of my business?

A: Privately owned businesses can choose to prohibit concealed carry on their property. Owners would be required to post a 4x6 sign to alert carriers of a prohibited zone. These signs will be available from the Illinois State Police.

Q: Do I need to post a sign outside my home if I do not want firearms in my home?

A: No. Private homes are exempt from posting requirements.

Q: Where am I prohibited from carrying a concealed weapon?

A: In House Bill 183, you may *NOT* carry a concealed weapon in the following locations:

- Schools
- Preschools/child care facilities
- Government buildings
- Courtrooms
- Any building or portion of a building under the control of a unit of local government
- Correctional facilities
- Medical facilities
- On public buses and trains
- In establishments that receive more than 50% of its revenue from liquor sales (including bars and taverns)
- Any public gathering or special event conducted on property open to the public that requires a permit from the unit of local government
- Any property that has been issued a Special Event Retailer's License
- Any public playground
- Any public park, athletic area or athletic facility under the control of a municipality or park district
- Any real property under the control of the Cook County Forest Preserve District

- Colleges, community colleges universities
 - Casinos and horse racing tracks
 - Any stadium or arena of a collegiate or professional sporting event
 - Public libraries
 - Airports
 - Amusement parks
 - Zoos and museums
 - Nuclear facilities
 - Any area where firearms are prohibited under federal law
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Q: How do I apply for a conceal carry permit?

A: The application process will be similar to obtaining a FOID card. The application will be filed through the Illinois State Police who will process the license. There will be fee of \$150.00

Please *click here* for more details on concealed carry qualifications.

Q: My community has regulations on firearms. Are these ordinances still in effect?

A: Yes and No. Certain regulations will be superseded by this act. Others, such as assault weapons bans, will remain in place.

Q: Where can I store a concealed weapon if I travel in an area where it is prohibited to carry a concealed weapon?

A: Any licensed concealed carry holder will be permitted to carry a concealed handgun within a vehicle into a parking area. This licensee may store their concealed handgun in a case within a locked vehicle or locked container within the vehicle in the parking area.