



San Diego County Sheriff

Training Bulletin

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Carry Concealed Weapon (CCW) Permits

California Penal Code sections 26150 through 26225 provide that a sheriff of a county or the chief or other head of a municipal police department of any city or city and county may issue a license to carry a pistol, revolver, or other firearm capable of being concealed upon the person (CCW license). 26175(a) (1) PC requires the Attorney General to prescribe a statewide standard application form for a CCW license.

For all concealed weapons permits in San Diego County, the Sheriff is the issuing authority. Application for a CCW permit is made through the Sheriff's Licensing Division.

As specified in 26150(a) PC, prior to the Sheriff issuing a CCW permit, the statute requires that:

- **The applicant is of good moral character**
- **Good cause exists to issue the license**
- **The applicant meets residency requirements and is at least 21 years of age**
- **The course of training prescribed by the licensing authority has been completed**

In addition to the above requirements, all applications for a CCW permit must complete a standardized application and complete an oral interview with a Sheriff's Licensing Specialist. The applicant will also be fingerprinted for state and federal records checks to determine if they are in a class of persons prohibited from possessing a firearm. A thorough local background investigation will be conducted on the applicant to include verification of residency, business or employment. The reason or "Good Cause" for issuance will also be investigated and may include verification through banking/business history, police reports, etc.

There are many reasons why the issuance of a CCW permit would be denied. Some of the more common reasons for denial are that the applicant failed to demonstrate an adequate need for a CCW permit, the applicant is not a resident of San Diego County or the applicant withheld or provided false or misleading information on the application.

Currently in San Diego, there are more than 1550 valid CCW permits issued. A San Diego County CCW Permit is two-sided and slightly larger than a credit card. The permit is printed on white paper with black and red ink and laminated. A standard CCW permit is valid for two years. Other types of CCW permits are Judicial CCW's which are valid for three years and Reserve Law Enforcement CCW's which are valid for four years. A CCW permit holder must attend an approved 4 hour firearms safety refresher course prior to obtaining a renewal for their permit. A copy of all issued CCW permits are filed with the California Department of Justice and the local issuing agency.

Sample San Diego County CCW permit

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NOT VALID IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY COURTHOUSES

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**License To Carry Concealed Pistol, Revolver, or Other Firearm
Within the State of California**

Issued By: [Redacted]

Agency San Diego County Sheriff Date of Issue 9/13/2011
 "ORI" CA0370089 Expiration Date 9/12/2013
 Local Agency Number GP999999 CII # 999999999
 Initial William M. [Signature]
 Subsequent _____
 Signature and Title of Issuing Officer

SECTION A

Name of Licensee JOHN DOE
 Residence Address 123 MAIN STREET
 City SAN DIEGO Zip 92119 County SAN DIEGO
 Business Address: 123 MAIN STREET Occupation SELF
SAN DIEGO, CA 92119 EMPLOYED
 Birthdate 1/1/1980 Hgt. 509 Wgt. 185 Eye Color: BLU Hair Color: BRO
 LICENSE TYPE: Employ Standard Judicial Reserve Custodial

If the bearer of this license is arrested for any reason, off

SECTION B - Description of Weapon(s)

Manufacturer	Serial Number	Caliber	Model
S&W	[Redacted]	38	AUTO
COLT	[Redacted]	40	AUTO
RUGER	[Redacted]	357	REV

Restrictions (if any) BUSINESS RELATED PURPOSES ONLY

RIGHT THUMB PRINT _____
 Signature of Licensee [Signature]

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VOID WHERE PROHIBITED BY LAW

licor is authorized to take possession of license.

The CCW permit holder is allowed to have three weapons listed on the permit. This includes the make, model, caliber and serial number of each weapon. The CCW applicant must qualify with each of these weapons in the presence of a Sheriff's approved firearms instructor and are the only weapons allowed to be carried concealed by the permit holder. If the applicant wishes to drop, change or add a weapon, they must make arrangements with the Sheriff's approved firearms instructor and demonstrate safe handling of the weapon. The applicant must then have a new CCW permit issued at Sheriff's Licensing that reflects these changes.

The CCW permit is considered property of the Sheriff's Department and may be revoked or suspended for various reasons. For example, a CCW permit may be revoked or suspended if the circumstances which initially warranted issuance no longer exist, the permit holder violates the conditions/restrictions applied to the permit or the permit holder is arrested or convicted of any offense other than a minor infraction. Notifications of suspension or revocation are either made in person or by certified mail with return receipt requested. The permit holder is instructed to surrender the CCW permit to the Sheriff's Licensing Division immediately, and notification of the suspension/revocation is made to the DOJ.

If you arrest a subject who is in possession of a CCW permit, you may take possession of that permit and send it to the Sheriff's Licensing Division, even if the permit was issued in another county.

All persons issued a CCW permit in San Diego County are provided an admonishment letter which states the following:

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While carrying a concealed weapon, YOU MAY NOT:

- **Consume any alcoholic beverage.**
- **Be in a place having a primary purpose of dispensing alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption.**
- **Be under the influence of any medication or drug, whether prescribed or not.**
- **Refuse to show the permit or surrender the concealed weapon to any peace officer upon demand.**
- **Impede any peace officer in the performance of his/her duties.**
- **Present himself/herself as a peace officer to any person unless you are, in fact, a peace officer as defined by California Law.**
- **Unjustifiably display a concealed weapon**
- **Carry a concealed weapon not listed on the permit.**
- **Carry a concealed weapon at time or circumstances other than those specified in the permit.**
- **Leave a handgun in an unattended vehicle without first securing it in the trunk of the vehicle, locking it in a locked container and placing the container out of plain view, or locking the handgun in a locked container that is permanently affixed to the vehicle's interior and not in plain view.**

Failure to abide by the conditions of your permit and or a violation of any of the above may result in the immediate revocation of your privilege to carry a concealed weapon.

In San Diego County, by order of the Presiding Judge, all weapons are banned from entering county courthouses with the exception of on-duty law enforcement officers on official business. Also, a CCW permit **does not** allow the holder to bring a weapon onto any school grounds or into any airport facility. All CCW's are stamped "Void where prohibited by law." While some states may recognize a California CCW as a valid permit to carry concealed, the State of California only recognizes a California CCW as valid. No other states CCW's are valid in California.

Although rare, there have been circumstances in this county in which a CCW permit holder has been involved in or has come under investigation for criminal activity.

The Licensing Division enters the names of all persons who have been issued a new CCW permit or renewed a previous CCW permit into the Officer Notification System (ONS) for the duration of the permit. This officer safety measure will allow a deputy in the field to be made aware by the inquiry dispatcher or via his/her MDC that the person they have stopped/detained or arrested has a CCW permit and may be armed. The ONS screen will also indicate if the CCW has been suspended or revoked. This information would also be useful for detectives and other specialized investigative units in pre-raid planning.

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The CCW permit information will also continue to be listed as it currently is in SDLaw. When running a name in County/Locals-Name Summary-RI01, the entry will appear as it does below.

DOE JOHN SF TP S DOB 010180 CDL
S M R W HT 509 WT 185 HC BRN EC BLU SSN 000-00-0001 PRSN A
<RI02 11256 130214 ORG SH LIC OTH SR RI04 11256 130214

By clicking on the <RI02 link, the CCW permit will show as “LIC” (license) followed by a number specific to the person to whom the CCW permit was issued. In San Diego County, all CCW permit numbers will start with the letters “GP” for gun permit. (Highlighted below) This screen should also identify any conditions attached to the permit.

DOE JOHN SF TYP S DOB 010180 CDL
S M R W HT 509 WT 185 HC BRN EC BLU SSN 000-00-0001 P PR 1 A
CII CII FCN NCIC FPC
FBI FBI FCN HENRY FPC AFIS 110100797
-UID- USER SUMMARIES DISPLAY IN GROUPS OF TWO LINES EACH
LIC- GP99999 ST A ISSDT 091311 EXPDT 091313 RST BUSINESS RELATED PURPOSES
ONLY
<SR04 11256 130214 00400 ADDR

Additional information on the subject may be located in the applicant’s CCW file which is kept in Sheriff’s Licensing. Information in these files is made available to law enforcement agencies on a “need to know” basis. If you come into contact with a CCW holder who is violating the terms/conditions of the CCW permit as listed in this training bulletin, please notify the Sheriff’s Licensing Division or seize the permit and forward it along with an explanation to the Sheriff’s Licensing Division.

As with all law enforcement contacts, good officer safety tactics should be used when dealing with any person who is suspected of being armed.

If you have questions or inquiries about CCW licenses, contact the Sheriff’s Licensing Division at [REDACTED]

Confiscated licenses can be sent to:

San Diego County Sheriff’s Department
Attn: Licensing
P.O. Box 939062
San Diego, CA 92123

Or inter-office mail to mailstop O-41.

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