



SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

FIREARM POSSESSION PROHIBITED/USE IS RESTRICTED

Government Buildings

Federal Buildings- includes both buildings owned or leased by the Federal Government.

State Law- prohibits a loaded firearm in the State Capitol, any legislative office, Governor's or other Constitutional Office, Hearing Room of any Senate or Assembly hearing, Governor's Mansion or other address of the Governor, a constitutional officer or any member of the Legislature.

School Zones

It is generally unlawful to possess a loaded or unloaded firearm in a school zone by both the State and Federal Government. Federal law defines a school zone as an area that is in or on the grounds of a public, parochial or private school or within 1000 feet from the perimeter.

California Gun Free Zone Act defines a school zone in or on the grounds of a public or private school Kindergarten through College/University with the same 1000- foot rule.

Licensed (Valid) CCW holders and residents surrounding the school are exempt from the 1000 foot "buffer zone".

Exception: Any handgun being lawfully transported unloaded and in a locked container or trunk of a vehicle.

Airports/Airplanes/Common Carrier

Both Federal and State law prohibit carrying a firearm, magazine, tasers, stun guns or ammunition in the sterile area of an airport. Extended incarceration and large fines accompany a violation at the airport.

Commercial Airplanes- Prohibited in the plane for CCW holders. In checked baggage with certain requirements.

Amtrak- In checked bagged with certain requirements.

Commercial Buses- Greyhound prohibits transporting firearms and ammunition.

Other Common Carriers- Specific requirements when crossing state lines. Travelling across state lines also bring in that state's laws.

Harbors and Ports- Basically same as Commercial Airlines

Sterile Area of Public Transportation Facility- Prohibited.

Courthouses

You are prohibited from carrying a concealed weapon in a courthouse when you are a party to an action. However, the first thing you see in a courtroom is a metal detector. You will not be allowed into the courtroom and may face charges.

Parks, Forests and Refuges

Federal law allows firearm possession in National Park lands and within National Wildlife Refuge systems unless you are otherwise prohibited. You also have to follow any State laws where the park is located. National Forests have an additional restriction on discharging a weapon. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) generally allows weapons but has restrictions relating to discharge on developed recreation sites and areas. BLM can limit hunting and discharging weapons also. The laws pertaining to US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) managed lands are unclear as to the legality of having a weapon.

Firearms are generally prohibited in the state park system and are only permitted in areas that are developed for the use of firearms. Exceptions: Underwater Parks; Designated archery ranges where the Dept. of Parks and Recreation finds that it is in its best interest; Lands open to lawful hunting. The restrictions are separate from state wildlife areas that have their own set of guidelines. Weapons are generally prohibited in State Game Refuges and Ecological Reserves.

Licensed (Valid) CCW holders are exempt from the prohibition in most cases. There are certain State Park properties, like Hearst Castle where the prohibition is in place.

No weapons are allowed in any San Luis Obispo County Parks

If you are going to a National or State Park or land and want to carry your concealed weapon, check with law enforcement agency for that land (Ranger) to find out any restrictions.

Possession in US and International Waters

Federal, State, local and even another country's laws may apply and have different guidelines. If you are a licensed fisherman (Commercial) you are exempt. Distance from the coastline and type of vessel factor into whether you can or can't carry a weapon legally.

Protest Events

You are prohibited from carrying concealed while picketing or engaging in other informational activities that relate to a refusal to work.

Polling Places

You are prohibited from carrying concealed at a polling place.

Playgrounds and Youth Centers

You are prohibited from carrying concealed in these facilities when they are open for business.

Private Businesses

You are not prohibited from carrying concealed within a business that has a policy of no weapons in their business. It is not considered a criminal offense. Once a concealed weapon is found and the business asks you to leave, you will need to do so. If you refuse you can be arrested for trespassing.

Military Bases

Firearms are generally prohibited on military bases in California.

Bars

You cannot carry a concealed weapon in a business where the primary purpose is dispensing alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption.

This list is current and should be complete. If you have any doubts whether you can carry in a specific location and can't get an answer, do not carry the weapon.

It is your responsibility to know where you can carry concealed legally and the laws change frequently.

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