

Concealed Weapons:

To obtain a Montana concealed weapons permit, a person must:

- have been a Montana resident for at least six months.
- be a U.S. citizen
- be at least 18 years of age

Instructions for new applicants and renewals of concealed weapons:

- Complete the enclosed concealed weapon permit applications:
- Return the completed application to the civil office.
- If you are a new applicant with Park County as a condition to issuance of the permit (MCA 45-8-321), be required by the sheriff to demonstrate familiarity with a firearm by:

(3)(a) completion of a hunter education or safety course approved or conducted by the department of fish, wildlife, and parks or a similar agency of another state;

(b) completion of a firearms safety or training course approved or conducted by the department of fish, wildlife, and parks, a similar agency of another state, a national firearms association, a law enforcement agency, an institution of higher education, or an organization that uses instructors certified by a national firearms association;

(c) completion of a law enforcement firearms safety or training course offered to or required of public or private law enforcement personnel and conducted or approved by a law enforcement agency;

(d) possession of a license from another state to carry a firearm, concealed or otherwise, that is granted by that state upon completion of a course described in subsections (3)(a) through (3)(c); or

(e) evidence that the applicant, during military service, was found to be qualified to operate firearms, including handguns.

(4) A photocopy of a certificate of completion of a course described in subsection (3), an affidavit from the entity or instructor that conducted the course attesting to completion of the course, or a copy of any other document that attests to completion of the course and can be verified through contact with the entity or instructor that conducted the course creates a presumption that the applicant has completed a course described in subsection (3).

(5) If the sheriff and applicant agree, the requirement in subsection (3) of demonstrating familiarity with a firearm may be satisfied by the applicant's passing, to the satisfaction of the sheriff or of any person or entity to which the sheriff delegates authority to give the test, a physical test in which the applicant demonstrates the applicant's familiarity with a firearm.

(6) A person, except a person referred to in subsection (1)(c)(ii), who has been convicted of a felony and whose rights have been restored pursuant to Article II, section 28, of the Montana constitution is entitled to issuance of a concealed weapons permit if otherwise eligible.

- If you need to take a hand gun class, classes are offered by Chuck Juhnke at 587-8705, Salvador Navarro 451-8275, Dale Fricke 600-2712, Terry Sutherland 586-2920, Mike Gephart 570-2721 and Hank Hecker at 285-0086.
- Please note on the last page of the application, the applicant must be signed in the presence of the civil clerk.
- The application will then be processed and a background check will be performed. This will take a minimum of 24 to 36 hours.
- After the background check has been processed, the sheriff will then review the application.
- If the sheriff approves the application, the applicant may come to the Park County Sheriff's Clerk office which is located in the basement of the County building, on Thursday from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and finalize the process. The applicant will receive their new permit.

Applicants may want to call the Civil Office prior to making a trip to the county building to make sure their application has been processed and approved.

The phone number is 406-222-4172.

- Costs for Concealed Weapons are:
New application - \$50.00
Renewal application - \$25.00
- Concealed weapon permits are valid for four years. The permit must be renewed for an additional 4 year period upon repayment of a \$25.00 fee per renewal & upon request for renewal made within 90 days before expiration of the permit.

If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at 406-222-4172.

Colleen Singer
Civil Clerk