

# COLORADO

## Type of Carry Allowed:

### **Concealed or Open [concealed suggested]**

**Restaurant Carry: Yes.** Remember that you may not consume any alcohol while you are carrying a lethal weapon [handgun].

### Restrictions:

- > Where prohibited by federal law,
- > Elementary, Middle, or High School.

NOTE: A permittee can possess a handgun on these locations as long as the permittee does not leave the vehicle or; the handgun is locked in the vehicle if they are not in it.

- > Any public building where security personnel are on duty or screen for weapons.

**18-12-214**

(1)(a) A permit to carry a concealed handgun authorizes the permittee to carry a concealed handgun in all areas of the state, except as specifically limited in this section. A permit does not authorize the permittee to use a handgun in a manner that would violate a provision of state law. A local government does not have authority to adopt or enforce an ordinance or resolution that would conflict with any provision of this part 2. (b) A peace officer may temporarily disarm a permittee, incident to a lawful stop of the permittee. The peace officer shall return the handgun to the permittee prior to discharging the permittee from the scene.

- (2) A permit issued pursuant to this part does not authorize a person to carry a concealed handgun into a place where the carrying of firearms is prohibited by federal law. Page 18-senate bill 03-024
- (3) A permit issued pursuant to this part 2 does not authorize a person to carry a concealed handgun onto the real property, or into any improvements erected thereon, of a public elementary, middle, junior high, or high school; except that: (a) A permittee may have a handgun on the real property of the public school so long as the handgun remains in his or her vehicle and, if the permittee is not in the vehicle, the handgun is in a compartment within the vehicle and the vehicle is locked. (b) A permittee who is employed or retained by contract by a school district as a school security officer may carry a concealed handgun onto the real property, or into any improvement erected thereon, of a public elementary, middle, junior high, or high school while the permittee is on duty. (c) A permittee may carry a concealed handgun on undeveloped real property owned by a school district that is used for hunting or other shooting sports.
- (4) A permit issued pursuant to this part 2 does not authorize a person to carry a concealed handgun into a public building at which: (a) Security personnel and electronic weapons screening devices are permanently in place at each entrance to the building; (b) Security personnel electronically screen each person who enters the building to determine whether the person is carrying a weapon of any kind; and (c) Security personnel require each person who is carrying a weapon of any kind to leave the weapon in possession of security personnel while the person is in the building.
- (5) nothing in this part 2 shall be construed to limit, restrict, or prohibit in any manner the existing rights of a private property owner, private tenant, private employer, or private business entity. (6) the provisions of this section apply to temporary emergency permits issued pursuant to section 18-12- 209.

## Carrying in state parks & Rest Areas & State parks

**State Parks: YES CRS 18-12-214.**

**State/National Forests: YES**

**Road Side Rest Areas: YES**

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