



EXPANDING CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY TO ALL CITIZENS IN NORTH DAKOTA

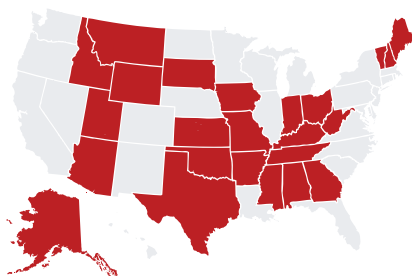
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Constitutional carry, or **permitless carry**, codifies the right of law-abiding citizens to carry a handgun—open and/or concealed carry—without a permit. It is the primary way states formally recognize the right to bear arms as an extension of the right to self-defense, not as merely a privilege bestowed by the government.

North Dakota currently does not have a law permitting constitutional carry for out-of-state residents while in the state.

How common is constitutional carry?

- ★ In January 2023, Alabama's constitutional carry law went into effect, making it the 25th state to pass constitutional carry.
- ★ 18 of these 25 states had a constitutional carry law go into effect within the last decade.

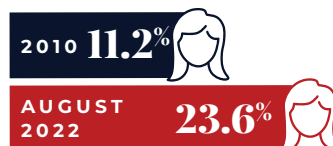


NORTH DAKOTA BY THE NUMBERS

33,522
PERMITS
as of August 2022

MORE THAN **5%**
of North Dakota adults practice concealed carry

The number of female permit holders has substantially increased



Why is constitutional carry important?

- ★ Constitutional carry allows law-abiding Americans to carry firearms freely, without bureaucratic restrictions or governmental mandates like mandatory training requirements and other deterrent or restrictive policies.
- ★ Low-income citizens will especially benefit from constitutional carry laws in states that currently impose onerous fees throughout the application and permitting process.

The people of North Dakota are estimated to use a gun defensively **10,000** TIMES PER YEAR.

The **2021 National Firearms Survey** estimates that the U.S. has **1.67** MILLION INSTANCES ANNUALLY when someone uses a gun to defend themselves or others around them.

Clearing Up Common Misconceptions Surrounding Constitutional Carry

Constitutional carry does NOT allow felons or other prohibited persons to own/carry a firearm.

- ★ Under constitutional carry, it remains unlawful for all individuals already prohibited by federal and/or state law—including felons, the mentally ill, users of controlled substances, and convicted domestic abusers—to purchase, possess, or carry a firearm.
- ★ Under federal and/or state law, all states with constitutional carry still require lawful citizens to undergo background checks before purchasing a firearm from a firearms dealer.

Constitutional carry, or loosening restrictions on the right to carry, will NOT lead to an increase in crime.

- ★ One study found no statistically significant relationship between constitutional carry laws and homicide.
- ★ Of the top 10 states with the lowest violent crime rates, 5 have constitutional carry, including the 3 safest—Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont.