



Some Relevant Missouri Gun Laws as of June 2019

Purchase and Transfer

There is no permit required to purchase or possess a firearm in Missouri nor is there a Waiting Period. The Federal Background Check is required and the individual must not be a prohibited possessor (see below). There are no laws governing the secondary transfer of firearms so there are no impediments to “holding on to someone else’s firearms”.

Prohibited possessors under federal law have a history of:

- Felony or domestic violence (DV) misdemeanor conviction
- DV restraining order
- Involuntary commitment or found mentally incompetent by a court
- Drug abuse problem
- Dishonorable discharge, fugitive from justice, undocumented immigrant

Concealed and Open Carry

There is a right to carry concealed weapons with or without a permit for anyone over the age of 19. Open carry is not prohibited but Missouri does prohibit exhibiting “any weapon readily capable of lethal use in an angry or threatening manner in the presence of one or more persons”. Mo. Rev. Stat. § 570.030.01 (4)

CAP (Child Access Protection) Law

Missouri law prohibits anyone from recklessly selling, leasing, loaning, giving away or delivering a firearm to anyone under age 18 without the consent of the child’s custodial parent or guardian. There is, otherwise, no law penalizing individuals for negligently storing or leaving firearms in a location where a child is likely to gain access to it.

Best source for gun laws relating to transfer of firearms:

<https://cdn1.sph.harvard.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/127/2018/09/State-Laws-Pertaining-to-Temporary-Firearm-Transfer-to-Protect-Persons-At-Risk.pdf>

Other sources for Firearm Laws:

www.nraila.org/laws
www.smartgunlaws.org