

CCW INFORMATION

Guidelines for maintaining your CCW permit in accordance with official protocol:

1. **Magazine Capacity:** The CCW license does not define magazine capacity, just the firearm model, serial number, and caliber. If the magazine and firearm are legal to possess in the State of California, and the firearm is approved to be listed on the license, a CCW license holder may carry.
 - California firearms laws/regulations are subject to change. It is the responsibility of the owner/applicant to ensure the firearm and magazine are in compliance with California law at the time of carry.
 - Any violations or failure to adhere to state laws/regulations will result in immediate suspension and/or revocation of a license.
2. **Validity Period:** Your CCW permit is valid for two years from the date of issuance.
3. **Renewal:** Applications must be submitted within the 90-day period before your permit expiration date, and as early as possible during that time, to ensure your permit does not lapse.
4. **Renewal Course:** A mandatory 8-hour renewal course is required every two years. You can undertake the qualification class up to 3 months before the permit's expiration.
5. **Carrying Requirement:** Ensure you carry the original permit card on your person while carrying a concealed firearm.
6. **Replacement Procedure:** In the event of loss or damage to your permit, you may apply for a duplicate online.
7. **Modifications:** Changes such as address, name, or firearm must be requested online at any time. Red dot sights can only be added to an existing firearm at time of renewal.
8. **Change of Address:** You must notify Sonoma County Sheriff's Office within 10 days of relocating. If you are remaining in Sonoma County, you must apply for a permit modification. If you move out of Sonoma County, your permit will remain valid for 90 days.
9. **Disclosure Requirement:** It is mandatory to disclose your concealed firearm during any police contact. Notify the CCW coordinator with 3 days of any arrests, citations or negative Law Enforcement contacts, as these may affect your permit status.
10. **Employment Restrictions:** Without prior approval from the Sheriff, you may not engage in security details, work as a Security Officer, or function as a Private Investigator without the required BSIS permits (Exposed Firearm License & Guard Card).
11. **Invalidation:** This permit is invalid for individuals involved in the marijuana trade business.
12. **Allowed Pistol Modifications:** Night sights, flashlights, and red dot sights (RDS) are permitted modifications for your pistol. Red dot sights may only be added to an existing firearm at the time of renewal. However, it is essential that any red dot sights (RDS) are installed and qualified by a certified instructor listed on our website. <https://www.sonomasheriff.org/ccw>