

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING GUN PERMITS / REGISTRATIONS

NOTE: Handgun purchase and registration laws (MCL 28.422 and 422a) were amended as of January 7, 2009.

How do I obtain a gun permit? Persons requesting a handgun purchase permit must:

- appear in person at their local law enforcement agency (*City Police Dept. if you live within City limits*) with a Michigan photo I.D. card or Michigan driver's license
- pass a basic pistol safety test
- pass a criminal background check

What hours are you open for gun permits? Permits are processed on a first-come, first-served basis at the front counter of the Sheriff's Office from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays, except Wednesdays, when we open early at 6:30 a.m.

How do I register a handgun? To register a handgun, within ten days of purchase the buyer must return to the issuing agency, via mail or in person, the two copies of the completed purchase permit marked "agency copy" and "MSP copy"; the handgun data will then be entered and officially registered to the purchaser. In order to correctly register the handgun, it is important that the information supplied be complete, legible, and correct.

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Is the process different if I have a CCW / Concealed Pistol License? For those with a concealed pistol license, the procedure is slightly different. CPL holders may purchase a handgun using a pistol sales record which is available online from the State of Michigan. To complete the process, the purchaser must then return two copies of the sales record to the Sheriff's Office, where; the handgun data will then be entered and officially registered to the purchaser.

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How long is the permit good for? You have ten days from the date of issue to purchase the pistol, then another ten days after purchase to submit the completed forms for registration.

I have inherited a gun. How do I register it? To legally take possession of an inherited gun, you must first obtain a permit to purchase, just as if you were purchasing the handgun, and have the next of kin or estate representative sign as the seller. Then submit two copies of the completed permit to be registered within ten days.

If I don't end up purchasing a pistol, what do I do with the unused permit? If you end up not purchasing a pistol, please return or mail the unused permit back to the Sheriff's Office.