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## Handgun Laws in South Carolina

Anyone who owns or is thinking about owning a handgun must know the handgun laws of the state. In South Carolina, handgun laws are enforced by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED).

- **Concealed Weapon Permit**

Individuals may apply for a concealed weapon permit through the Law Enforcement Division. Applicants must be at least 21 years old and residents of the state. Along with an application form, the applicant must submit a valid photo ID, proof of firearm safety training, a complete set of fingerprints for a background check and the \$50 application fee.

- **Machine Guns, Sawed-Off Shotguns & Rifles**

Unlicensed individuals may not possess machine guns---including handguns that have been altered to be fully automatic---sawed-off shotguns or rifles. Licenses to possess machine guns are given through the Law Enforcement Division; however, guns that have been altered are not eligible for such a license.

- **Selling Handguns**

Individuals must be licensed to sell firearms, including handguns, through the Law Enforcement Division. South Carolina requires these licenses to be renewed every two years. Licensed sellers are responsible for ensuring that guns are sold according to state and federal laws.

- **Buying Handguns**

A person attempting to buy a handgun must present the licensed seller with a valid South Carolina driver's license and submit to the required background check. The buyer must be a resident of the state unless on active duty with the U.S. military.

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