



Mendocino County Sheriff's Office – Carry Concealed Weapon License

CCW REQUIREMENTS

California law requires carry concealed weapon license applicants to satisfy specific criteria prior to being considered for issuance of a license. The requirements are as follows:

- **Residency:** All applicants must provide proof that they are a resident of the County of Mendocino. Non-residents will be referred to the appropriate licensing agency.
- **Training:** The applicant must complete and show proof of successful completion from a Mendocino County Sheriff's Office approved Concealed Carry Course containing modules on safety, the law, and the applicant's ability to handle a firearm safely. The course shall be a minimum of 16 hours for the initial application, and 4 hours for renewals.
- **Good Character:** Applicants must attest to good character with respect to their ability to responsibly and safely carry and use a concealed weapon.
- **Good Cause:** Applicants must establish that good cause exists to support a request for a license to carry a concealed weapon. When applicants are establishing that good cause exists, they must provide specific, detailed, and articulable facts that support their request. Criteria that may establish good cause include the following:
 - Specific evidence that there has been or likely will be an attempt on the part of a second party to do great bodily harm to the applicant.
 - The nature of the business or occupation of the applicant is such that it is subject to high personal risk and/or criminal attack, far greater risk than the general population.
 - A task of the business or occupation of the applicant requires frequent transportation of large sums of money or other valuables and alternative protective measures or security cannot be employed.
 - When a business or occupation is of a high-risk nature and requires the applicant's presence in a dangerous environment.
 - The occupation or business of the applicant is such that no means of protection, security or risk avoidance can mitigate the threat other than the carrying of a concealed firearm.
 - Personal protection is warranted to mitigate a threat to the applicant and the applicant is able to substantiate the threat.

Note: These examples are not intended to be all-inclusive, they are provided merely for your reference. Failure to fully and completely articulate good cause may be grounds for a denial of your application or a request for further information.

State and local laws do not prohibit an adult from having a concealed weapon in their home or place of business.

*** DISCLAIMER ***

No resident has the right to a license, nor is the Sheriff required to issue a license. By law, the Sheriff has the discretion to approve or deny CCW license applications as well as revoke licenses that have already been issued.