An individual who wishes to carry a concealed pistol on or about his person or in a vehicle must obtain a **Permit to Carry a Concealed Pistol** (SDCL 22-14-9). A person does not need a permit to own a pistol, kept in his home, business, or property, or visibly carry it.

A temporary permit to carry a concealed pistol shall be issued within five days of application to a person if the applicant:

* Is eighteen years of age or older
* Has never pled guilty to, nolo contender to, or been convicted of a felony or crime of violence. (A person who has pled guilty to a felony and received a Suspended Imposition of Sentence is not eligible for a Concealed Pistol Permit.)
* Is not habitually in an intoxicated or drugged condition.
* Has no history of violence.
* Has not been found in the previous ten years to e a “danger to others or a “danger to self” as defined in SDCL 27A-1-1 or is not currently adjudged mentally incompetent.
* Has been a resident of county where the application is being made for at least thirty days.
* Has had no violations of Chapter 23-7 (firearms control) 22-14 (unlawful use of weapons) or 22-42 (controlled substances and marijuana) constituting a felony or misdemeanor in the five years preceding the date of application or is not currently charged under indictment or information for such an offense.
* Is a citizen of the United States.
* In not a fugitive from justice

The permit is valid throughout South Dakota except in any licensed on-sale malt beverage or alcoholic beverages or alcoholic beverage establishment that derives over one-half of its total income from the sale of malt or alcoholic beverages (SDCL 23-7-8.1), any elementary or secondary school premises or vehicle (SDCL 13-32-7), any county courthouse (SDCL 22-14-22).

The permit is not transferable from one person to another.

**You do not need a permit if the UNLOADED weapon is carried:**

* In the trunk or other closed compartment of the vehicle
* In a closed container which is too large to be effectively concealed on the person or within his clothing
* The container may be carried in a vehicle or in any other manner (SDCL 22-14-10)

**False Information**

No person, in purchasing or otherwise securing delivery of a pistol or in applying for a permit to carry a concealed pistol, may give false information or offer false evidence of his identity. A violation of this section is a Class 6 felony (SDCL 23-7-12-2 years/$2000 fine). This includes providing false information as to place of residence.

**If you meet the above criteria, you may apply for a concealed pistol permit. The fee is $10 CASH OR CHECK ONLY. You will receive your temporary permit after a background investigations is completed. Your laminated permit will be mailed to you from the Secretary of State in Pierre within 2-4 weeks of application. It will be valid for FIVE years from date of issue.**

**Recognition of Other Sates Permits**

South Dakota recognizes any valid concealed pistol permit issued to a nonresident of South Dakota according to the terms of its issuance in the State of its issue (SDCL 32-7-7.4).

**Reciprocity and Recognition States where South Dakota Permits are Recognized.**

Alabama

Alaska (1)

Arizona

Arkansas

Colorado (1)

Florida (1, 2)

Georgia

Idaho

Indiana

Iowa

Kansas (4)

Kentucky (1)

Louisiana

Maine (4)

Michigan (1)

Minnesota (1, 3)

Mississippi

Missouri

North Carolina (1)

North Dakota (2)

Ohio (4)

Oklahoma

Pennsylvania

Tennessee (1, 2)

Texas

Utah (1, 2)

Vermont (4)

Virginia (1)

West Virginia (1)

Wyoming (1)

1. Only South Dakota Permits issued to those who are 21 years of age or older are recognized
2. Reciprocity includes non-residential permits
3. Only South Dakota ENHANCED PERMITS are recognized
4. Denotes States where South Dakota Permits are recognized without reciprocity

A concealed weapon permit general information booklet may be requested by mail or by phone through the Secretary of State Office at:

Secretary of State  
500 E Capitol Ave  
Pierre, SD 57501-5070  
(605)773-3537

The information is also available online at the [South Dakota Secretary of State’s website](http://sdsos.gov/default.aspx)