

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 contendere 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 be 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.
- Is 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

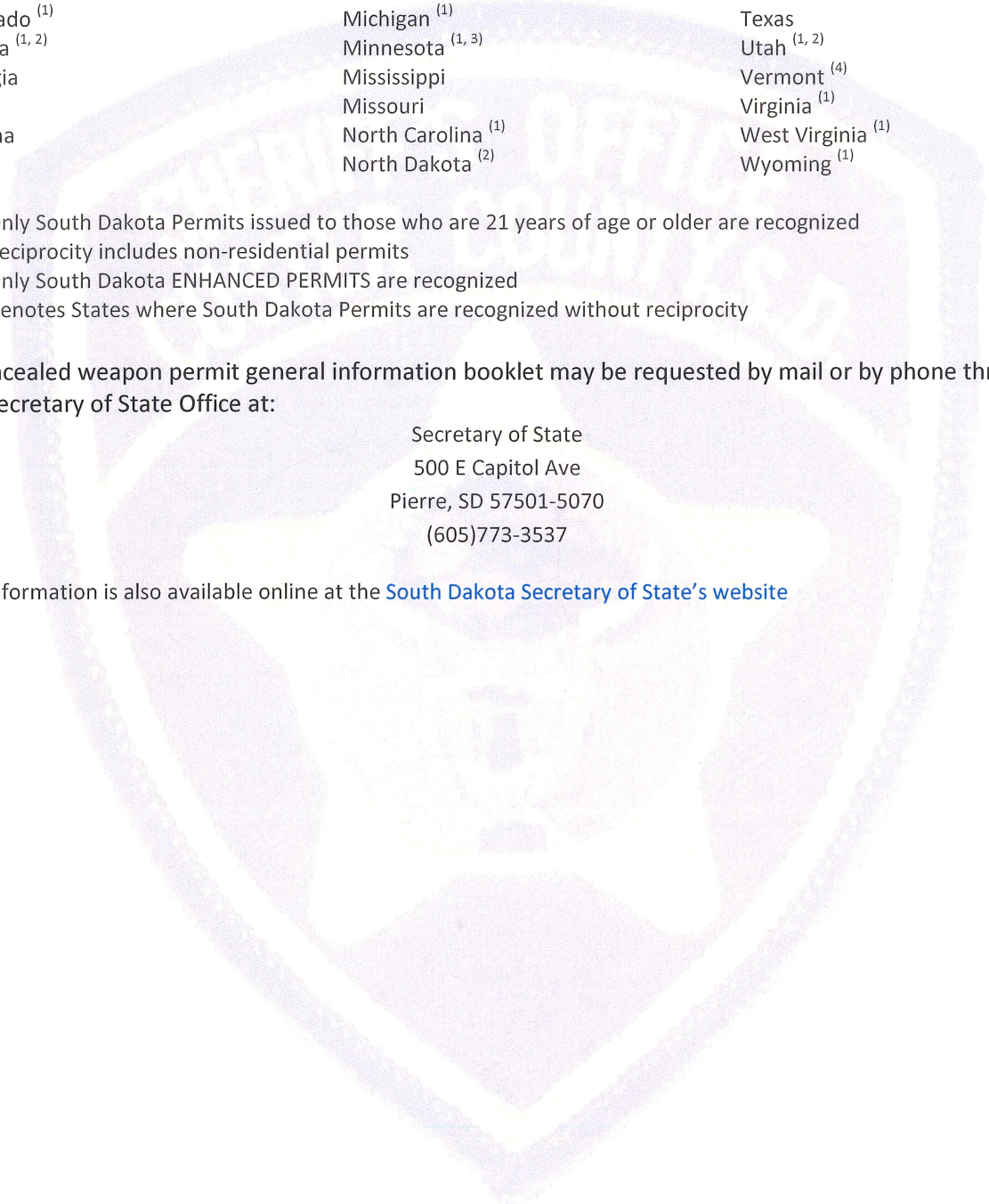
No person, in purchasing or otherwise securing delivery of a pistol or in applying for a permit to carry a concealed pistol, may give false information or offer false evidence of his identity. A violation of this section is a Class 6 felony (SDCL 23-7-12-2 years/\$2000 fine). This includes providing 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 investigation 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 States 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	Kansas ⁽⁴⁾	Ohio ⁽⁴⁾
Alaska ⁽¹⁾	Kentucky ⁽¹⁾	Oklahoma
Arizona	Louisiana	Pennsylvania
Arkansas	Maine ⁽⁴⁾	Tennessee ^(1, 2)
Colorado ⁽¹⁾	Michigan ⁽¹⁾	Texas
Florida ^(1, 2)	Minnesota ^(1, 3)	Utah ^(1, 2)
Georgia	Mississippi	Vermont ⁽⁴⁾
Idaho	Missouri	Virginia ⁽¹⁾
Indiana	North Carolina ⁽¹⁾	West Virginia ⁽¹⁾
Iowa	North Dakota ⁽²⁾	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](#)