

## THE CARRY GUY'S CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMIT SOUTH CAROLINA

Welcome to South Carolina Concealed Weapons Permit Class!

A Few Details Before Your Arrival:

During the class, participants learn safe gun handling, the different types of concealed firearms, proper care and storage of the firearm and ammunition, range safety and operations, and in depth review of South Carolina firearm laws.

The training also includes range safety rules and live firing on the range. Participants are provided with all the training information and a written test on South Carolina laws. Those successfully completing this South Carolina Concealed Weapon Permit Course can then proceed with the process of obtaining a concealed carry permit from SLED.

There will be a 30 minute break for lunch and several short breaks during the day. You are welcome to bring lunch from home or buy lunch from a local restaurant. The class is approximately 6-8 hours depending on the exact number of students.

\* Please arrive 15 minutes early.\*

First and EXTREMELY IMPORTANT is that you understand that this is an intermediate class for people who have some experience shooting a handgun. If you have had little or no experience with handguns then you should first opt for one of our basic pistol courses. This is NOT a class to learn how to shoot a gun AND receive a certificate to carry concealed!!! Please note that individuals who have extensive experience with rifles and/or shotguns should fare well in an intermediate class.

– THIS IS NOT A BASIC HANDGUN CLASS. ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE ADEQUATE PRIOR GUN HANDLING EXPERIENCE. BASIC INSTRUCTION IS AVAILABLE THRU CAROLINA SPORTING ARMS PRIOR TO ADMISSION TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONCEALED CARRY CLASS. If you have not fired a gun or have limited experience with a firearm, please take our Basic Class before taking this class.

– We do not rent eye protection or ear protection. You will need to bring over-the-ear muffs or custom molded ear protection, or purchase these items in the range prior to class.

– Guns and ammo are required in the morning.

ALL GUNS BROUGHT INTO THE CLASSROOM WILL BE UNLOADED WITH MAGAZINES REMOVED AND EMPTY OF AMMO, SECURED IN A GUN CASE AND/OR RANGE BAG WITH AMMUNITION BOXED OR BAGGED AND SEPARATE FROM THE GUN. PERSONAL FIREARMS WILL NOT BE HANDLED AT ANY TIME DURING THE CLASS AND MAGAZINES WILL ONLY BE PREPARED ON INSTRUCTION FROM THE INSTRUCTOR ON THE RANGE ONLY. GUNS WILL REMAIN UNLOADED UNTIL THE STUDENT IS ON THE FIRING LINE AND HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO "LOAD AND MAKE READY." STRICT ADHERENCE TO THESE RULES IS AN ABSOLUTE NECESSITY.

Concealment techniques and drawing from concealment

Range qualification

Written exam

All required forms and fingerprint cards are included with the class fee.

What you MUST bring to CWP class?

- Note taking material or log book to track your progress (pen & small notebook)
- Unloaded Firearm and Multiple Magazines – We recommend that you uniquely identify your magazines. This is easily done with fingernail polish or other visible marking on your mags.
- At least 50 rounds of ammo
- Your firearm and an outside the waistband holster, Part of the shooting qualification involves drawing your firearm from the holster.
- Eye and Hard Shell or Custom Molded Ear Protection
- Holster.  
No retention holsters, inside-the-waistband, cross-draw, shoulder, small-of-back, bellybands, Thunderware, ankle holsters, pocket holsters, loops of string, clipdraws, wallet holsters, or other novelty holsters.
- Proof of Class Purchase  
Drivers License (Address on DL must match current address before sending in to SLED)

Dress comfortably for the day

The CWP class includes Laws & Firearms Proficiency

- Statutory and case law regarding deadly force
- South Carolina laws governing firearms and concealed weapons permits - Proper firearms storage practices that deny access to children
- Prohibited carry locations
- Liability and responsibility issues relating to firearms
- Proper interaction with Law Enforcement Officers
- Firearms safety rules
- Carrying “cocked & locked”
- Firearm retention techniques overview
- Handgun safety, manipulation, and operation
- Concealment techniques and drawing from concealment
- Range qualification
- Written exam
- All required forms and fingerprint cards are included with the class fee.

Firearms proficiency portion is not required for persons exempt according to Section 23-31-210(4) of the SC Code of Laws. However, you must still pass the written test, which covers all other items listed above.

The firearms qualification portion of this course is held outdoors. Please dress weather-appropriate on class day and bring appropriate outerwear during colder weather.

Open-toed shoes and low-cut necklines are not allowed on the firing line for males or females. Please wear a shirt where the neckline touches your collar bone.

A ball cap or visor is recommended.

Eye and hearing protection are required and can be purchased or rented at the range if you do not have your own.

Your own pistol is suggested, but not required. You can rent one from the range. (You must be 21 to rent a handgun.)

A minimum of 50 rounds of FACTORY LOADED ammunition for your firearm is required. NO HAND RELOADED AMMO for this course. We do have ammunition for purchase at the range. If you rent a pistol from the range, you MUST purchase your ammo from the range.

Extra magazines for your pistol are HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

You will need an ON THE WAIST holster that fits your carry pistol AND stays open once the firearm is removed from the holster for this course AND A STURDY BELT. (No cross draw, small of the back, or shoulder holsters.)

Lunch break will be approximately 30-45 minutes and is on your own. Please bring a bag lunch or you can purchase lunch nearby.

All required forms and fingerprint cards are included with the class fee. We do not do the fingerprinting here – you will need to make time to go have them done elsewhere. You CAN make an appointment with IdentoGo to have your prints done digitally and turn your application in at one of the IdentoGo locations throughout the state. See information on the SLED website at this link.

Persons exempt from the firearms proficiency portion:

Persons who have a current SC CWP and would like a refresher on South Carolina laws of self-defense.

Out-of-state retired law enforcement officers or South Carolina retired law enforcement officers whose certification has expired (must submit proof of graduation from a federal or state academy that included firearms training as a graduation requirement when submitting your CWP application).

Former military personnel who completed basic military training (must provide a copy of your DD-214 to SLED when submitting your CWP application).

ACTIVE military personnel (including SCNG) are exempt from taking the entire class. Contact us for guidance on how to apply for your permit.

Other persons listed as exempt according to Section 23-31-210(4) of the SC Code of Laws (please contact SLED directly to confirm your exemption if you are unsure).

## GETTING FINGERPRINTS

Where can I get fingerprinted for SC CWP?

This phase will allow applicants for a NEW SC CWP to begin the application online and set up an appointment at an available IdentoGo site. At the IdentoGo site they can submit their CWP application documentation and have their fingerprints taken and sent to SLED electronically.

How do I get a fingerprint card in SC?

Applicants must request fingerprint cards from the Department by calling (803) 734-4188 or by email at [bdover@scconsumer.gov](mailto:bdover@scconsumer.gov).

How much is fingerprinting in SC?

Your fee will be \$51.75 (subject to change). Bring Valid ID: Bring your valid South Carolina driver's license to your fingerprint appointment. If you do not have a valid South Carolina driver's license, you will need two forms of other state or federal issued ID, one of which will need to be a photo ID.

#### CONCEALED WEAPONS CLASS INFORMATION

There will be a 30 minute break for lunch and several short breaks during the day. You are welcome to bring lunch from home or buy lunch from the restaurant next door. The class is approximately 6-8 hours depending on the exact number of students.

Class size is limited to 10 students. Payment is required ONLINE BEFORE class to secure your spot in class. Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express accepted. No refunds are given FOR CONCEALED CARRY PERMIT CLASSES. You can reschedule for another class. Your fee is \$100 for the whole class, \$70 if you don't need the firearms proficiency portion. (See above section for exemptions.) When you choose "classroom only" during the registration process if you are opting out of the shooting portion it will reduce the fee to \$70 before you enter your credit card information.

The CWP course is not a basic marksmanship course. The class includes a range safety briefing after which applicants must successfully complete the State mandated course of fire. If you feel you will not be able to qualify, we strongly encourage that you take our NRA Basic Pistol course and/or our Basic Defensive Handgun course.

"On or after August 15, 2021, the below standardized course of fire is suggested for use to satisfy the "Proof of Training" requirement set forth in S.C. Code Ann. § 23-31-10(4)(a)(iv). However, the course of fire is up to the instructor's discretion related to distance, manner of fire, and timing so long as the minimum 25 rounds are fired in the presence of the instructor." We require 50 rounds to be fired. If you fail getting 70% you will be given another opportunity to pass.

#### ATTENDANCE POLICY

In the rare instance we do not have a minimum of 3 participants; we may reschedule students to the next class that complies with the student's schedule. Rescheduled students will have priority for the next scheduled class.

You deserve access to your instructor, which is why a low student to instructor ratio is capped. Small classes ensure your training needs are met and offer you a personal, guided training experience. Photo ID is required to shoot on the range.

#### INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY:

TCG wants everyone to be safe. TCG will attempt to notify anyone registered for a class that is cancelled due to inclement weather as soon as the decision is made. Each participant will be notified via email, text message, and/or a phone call. TCG will also announce the cancellation on our social media outlets. TCG will not issue a refund for the class or event due to inclement weather but will reschedule the course or student for another time.

## REFUND POLICY

TCG does not offer refunds on training or events if you are unable to attend or change your mind. TCG will be happy to reschedule you in a later class or event or give you store credit to be used for another class or range time.

If you choose to cancel or reschedule, TCG requires at least 72 hours' notice in order to make room for others who may be waiting to attend.

Thank you

– The Carry Guy, Curtis Harwell LLC.