
Pepper Sprays, Stun Guns, Knives State Laws & Restrictions

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States Where Pepper Sprays are Restricted (We cannot ship to these states. If an order is placed your order will be cancelled)

New York: New York residents may only purchase defense sprays from licensed Firearms Dealers or licensed Pharmacists in that state.

Massachusetts: It is legal to buy, use, or possess pepper spray in Massachusetts, but there are several restrictions. It is not legal to ship human formula pepper spray to an address in Massachusetts, though animal spray can be legally shipped to the state.

States Where Pepper Sprays Have Some Restrictions

Alaska: To carry on school property, the user must have permission and be at least 21 years old.

Arkansas: Pepper spray and gel canisters cannot exceed 150 cc or 5.07 fluid oz.

California: Product canisters cannot exceed 2.5 fluid oz.

Florida: Pepper spray and gel canisters cannot exceed 2 fluid oz.

Hawaii: The maximum sized container of pepper spray that can be mailed to Hawaii is 1/2 oz.

Michigan: Pepper spray must not be more than 10% and can be used for self defense. "The reasonable use of a self-defense spray or foam device containing not more than 10% oleoresin capsicum by a person in the protection of a person or property under circumstances that would justify the person's use of physical force. The Canister size is restricted to 35grams approx. 1.2oz.

Nevada: Product canisters cannot contain more than 2 fluid oz.

New Jersey: Product canisters cannot contain more than 0.75 oz. of chemical substance.

North Carolina: Pepper spray and gel canisters cannot exceed 150cc or 5.07 fluid oz.

South Carolina: Pepper spray and gel canisters cannot exceed 1.69 fluid oz.

Washington D.C.: A registration form must be completed at purchase, and the vendor must collect and forward the form to the Metropolitan Police Department.

Wisconsin: Tear gas is not permissible. By regulation, OC products with a maximum OC concentration of 10% and weight range of oleoresin of capsicum and inert ingredients of 15-60 grams are authorized. This is 1/2 oz. and 2 oz. spray. Further, the product cannot be camouflaged, and must have a safety feature designed to prevent accidental discharge. The units may not have an effective range of over 20 feet and must have an effective range of six feet. In addition there are certain labeling and packaging requirements: must state cannot sell to anyone under 18 and the phone number of the manufacturer has to be on the label. The units must also be sold in sealed tamper-proof packages.

IMPORTANT: [Pepper Spray](#) is legal in all 50 states, however a number of cities and states have restrictions on sizes, strengths, etc.. If you have a question, it is wise to check with you local city or state attorneys office. Defense sprays should only be purchased by those 18 years of age or older. The above list may not be totally accurate or complete and Safety Technology accepts no responsibility for its accuracy or completeness.

Note to Prospective Dealers: Even if you reside in a state where pepper sprays cannot be sold, YOU can still sell many of our other safety products to people in your town, and with one of our wonderful [websites](#), you CAN sell to your customers in states where pepper spray is legal.

Stun Gun Laws

STATES WHERE STUN GUNS ARE RESTRICTED:

CALIFORNIA

CONNECTICUT

DELAWARE

HAWAII

ILLINOIS – Can be purchased with FOID Card

INDIANA

IOWA

MARYLAND

MASSACHUSETTS – Can be purchased with CCW permit

MICHIGAN – CPL License required before shipment.

MINNESOTA

WISCONSIN – Can be purchased with CCW permit

CITIES WHERE STUN GUNS ARE ILLEGAL:

CHICAGO, IL – Not even with FOID card

COUNTRIES THAT STUN GUNS ARE RESTRICTED:

AUSTRALIA
BELGIUM
CANADA
DENMARK
HONG KONG
INDIA (POLICE USE ONLY)
ITALY
JAPAN
NEW ZEALAND
NORWAY
SWEDEN
SWITZERLAND
UNITED KINGDOM

PENAL CODES AFFECTING AIR TASER, STUN GUNS & STUN BATONS.

STATE RESTRICTIONS:

CALIFORNIA: Restricted

Age Restrictions: Must be 16+ with written consent from guardian

Sales Restrictions: Felons cannot purchase

CONNECTICUT: Restricted

Age Restrictions: Must be 21+

Sales Restrictions: Permit required (handgun permit or a gun eligibility certificate)

DELAWARE: Restricted

Age Restriction: Must be 21+

Sales Restrictions: Background check required; Felons cannot purchase

Additional Restrictions: Illegal in Newark, Wilmington, New Castle County

HAWAII: Restricted

Age Restrictions: Must be 21+

Sales Restrictions: Cannot purchase online; Permit required

ILLINOIS: Restricted

Summary: In order to possess a stun gun, an individual must have a valid FOID card, as is currently required for firearms.

Sellers of stun guns must check the buyer's FOID card and keep the record of sale for ten years, the same requirements for firearms sales. When a licensed firearms dealer sells a stun gun, they must request a background check of the buyer. The 24-hour waiting period required for long guns, shotguns, and rifles, will also apply to taser and stun gun purchases.

INDIANA: Restricted

Sales Restrictions: Permit required; ID required to purchase

IOWA: Restricted

Summary: Cannot be carried within Denison / Crawford County where they're illegal and prohibited.

MARYLAND: Restricted

Summary: Background check required.

MASSACHUSETTS: Legal

Summary: Stun guns are legal, but the owner of a stun gun needs a carry permit and the stun gun has to be secured in a locked container that only the person with that permit can access.

MICHIGAN: LEGAL

Summary: CPL License Required before Shipment. The sale and possession of stun guns and Tasers are legal in the state Michigan with the submission of a valid CPL license.

MINNESOTA: Restricted

Age Restrictions: Must be 18+

Sales Restrictions: Felons cannot purchase; Background check required

WISCONSIN: Legal with restriction

Under the CCW (Carrying Concealed Weapons) laws, the prohibition against possessing or going armed with an electric weapon does not apply to any of the following:

A CCW licensee or an out-of-state licensee.

An individual who goes armed with an electric weapon in his or her own dwelling or place of business or on land that he or she owns, leases, or legally occupies.

Wis. Stat. § 941.295(2g).

The prohibition against transporting an electric weapon does not apply to any of the following:

A licensee or an out-of-state licensee.

An individual who is not a licensee or out-of-state licensee who transports an electric weapon if the electric weapon is enclosed within a carrying case.

Wis. Stat. § 941.295(2r).

Suppose you are not specifically allowed to carry an electric weapon (see above). In that case, you are only allowed to carry an electric weapon in your own dwelling or business or on land you own, lease, or legally occupy. Wis. Stat. § 941.295(2g). You may also transport the weapon if it is enclosed within a carrying case. Wis. Stat. § 941.295(2r). The possession or carrying an electric weapon in other situations is a felony. Wis. Stat. § 941.295(1m).

Electric weapons cannot be sold to persons in Wisconsin who are not law enforcement, armed forces on official duty or persons without a recognized out-of-state CCW license or a Wisconsin CCW license. Wis. Stat. § 941.295(2)(d). A violation of this statute is a felony. Wis. Stat. § 941.295(1m).

SUMMARY: You need a CCW license or recognized out of state license to legally carry stun guns in Wisconsin. However, you can have a stun gun in your home or business and even carry it in your vehicle if it's in a closed case. The catch 22 is that no one can sell to you if you don't have a CCW license.

CITY/COUNTY RESTRICTIONS:

CHICAGO: Illegal

Publisher's Note: The following jurisdictions require waiting periods or notifications to law enforcement officials before weapons may be delivered to purchasers:

Chicago – application approval/denial for:

(1) Registration: 120 days

(2) Re-registration: e.g., by an heir, 365 days)

SUMMARY: Possession and sale of Stunning Devices are banned in Chicago. (More information required on City of Chicago Ordinance)

States Where Knives Are Restricted

If you have concerns, you can check locally for any laws or restrictions on knives. We've been made aware that the Automatic and Butterfly knives are restricted in the following states:

Automatic Knives

California, Delaware, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Minnesota, Montana, New Jersey, New Mexico, Washington

Butterfly Knives

California