

NEW YORK CITY

NYC Code Section 10-131

h. Rifles and shotguns; carrying or possessing.

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to carry or possess a loaded rifle or shotgun in public within the city limits. Any person who shall violate this paragraph shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars, or imprisonment not exceeding one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

2. It shall be unlawful for any person to carry or possess an unloaded rifle or shotgun in public within the city limits unless such rifle or shotgun is completely enclosed, or contained, in a non-transparent carrying case. Any person who shall violate this paragraph shall be guilty of an offense punishable by a fine of not more than fifty dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding thirty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

§ 3-14 Supplemental Rules.

(a) The permittee's rifle or shotgun shall not be loaded in a public place within New York City at any time except when using it at a licensed rifle and shotgun range.

(b) When the permittee travels to and from a licensed range or hunting area, or transports her/his rifle/shotgun for any reason, it shall be carried unloaded in a locked, non-transparent case, and the ammunition shall be carried separately. If the permittee is transporting her/his rifle/shotgun in a vehicle, it shall be kept locked in the trunk or equivalent space, not in plain view. The permittee shall never leave her/his rifle/shotgun in a vehicle unless s/he is physically present in or in close proximity to the vehicle.

COMMENTARY

The above rules pertain to New York City only — and not New York State as a whole.

NEW JERSEY

2C:39-5 Unlawful possession of weapons.

(2) Unless otherwise permitted by law, any person who knowingly has in his possession any loaded rifle or shotgun is guilty of a crime of the third degree.