

# Concealed Weapons Permit (CWP)

## Musselshell County

Application Given \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Due      \$50.00      \$25.00

Amount Paid      \$50.00      \$25.00

Check# \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

Photo Taken      Yes      No

Fingerprints Taken    Yes      No

Date Fingerprints Mailed \_\_\_\_\_

Date Fingerprints Returned \_\_\_\_\_

Certification:    Military \_\_\_\_\_    NRA \_\_\_\_\_    Hunter Safety \_\_\_\_\_    Private \_\_\_\_\_

Firearms Training Needed    Yes      No

Firearms Training Done      Yes      No

Okay to Assign CWP #      Yes      No

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Entered Into the Computer    Yes      No

Color Page Printed          Yes      No

Signed by the Sheriff        Yes      No

Signed by the Applicant      Yes      No

Shrunk and Laminated        Yes      No

Date Applicant Called \_\_\_\_\_

Date Picked Up and Given Gunlock \_\_\_\_\_

## Concealed Weapon Permit Requirements

Upon completion of application, please submit the following:

Make an appointment to be fingerprinted  
(24 hour notice would be appreciated).

Fee of \$50.00 made payable to Musselshell County Sheriff.  
(Renewal fee is \$25.00)

Must show proof of Certified Firearms Training:

Military DD214

Hunter Safety Certification

NRA Certification

Certified by Private Licensed Firearms Instructor

**Failure to complete any of the above will make the permit null and void**

**STATE OF MONTANA  
CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMIT APPLICATION**

TO BE COMPLETED BY EACH PERSON MAKING APPLICATION

RESIDENT OF MONTANA AT LEAST 6 MONTHS ( ) YES ( ) NO  
CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES ( ) YES ( ) NO  
18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER ( ) YES ( ) NO

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

ALIAS / MAIDEN / NICKNAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME: \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET CITY STATE ZIP

EMPLOYER: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET CITY STATE ZIP

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
HOME EMPLOYER MESSAGE

PLACE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

DRIVER'S LICENSE #: \_\_\_\_\_ ISSUING STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SOCIAL SECURITY #: \_\_\_\_\_ RACE: \_\_\_\_\_

SEX: \_\_\_\_\_ HT: \_\_\_\_\_ WT: \_\_\_\_\_ EYES: \_\_\_\_\_ HAIR: \_\_\_\_\_

LIST EACH FORMER EMPLOYER OR BUSINESS ENGAGED IN FOR THE LAST FIVE (5) YEARS:

	EMPLOYER OR BUSINESS NAME	ADDRESS	DATES OF EMPLOYMENT
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____

LIST EACH PLACE IN WHICH YOU HAVE LIVED FOR THE LAST FIVE (5) YEARS:

	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	DATES OF RESIDENCE
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____	_____

MILITARY SERVICE BRANCH: \_\_\_\_\_ FROM: \_\_\_\_\_ TO: \_\_\_\_\_

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED FOR OR CONVICTED OF A CRIME OR FOUND GUILTY IN A COURT-MARTIAL PROCEEDING? ( ) YES ( ) NO

IF YES, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:  
(EXCEPTIONS: MINOR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS)  
(ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY)

	CITY	STATE	CHARGE	DATE
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____

LIST THREE PERSONS WHOM YOU HAVE KNOWN FOR AT LEAST FIVE (5) YEARS THAT WILL BE CREDIBLE WITNESSES TO YOUR GOOD MORAL CHARACTER AND PEACEABLE DISPOSITION (DO NOT INCLUDE RELATIVES OR PRESENT / PAST EMPLOYERS):

	NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____

IN COMPLETE DETAIL, PLEASE EXPLAIN YOUR REASONS FOR REQUESTING PERMIT  
(ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEET IF NECESSARY)

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I, the undersigned applicant, swear that the foregoing information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and is given with the full knowledge that any misstatement contained herein may be sufficient cause for denial or revocation of a permit to carry a concealed weapon. I hereby authorize any person having information concerning me that relates to the information requested by this application and the requirements for a concealed weapon permit, either public record or otherwise, to furnish it to the sheriff to whom this application is made.

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Signature

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Date of Application

This application must be signed in the presence  
of the sheriff or his designee

Montana Shooting Sports Association  
P.O. Box 4924  
Missoula, Montana 59806

—STANDARD FIREARM SAFETY CHECK—

**PURPOSE, METHODOLOGY AND PRACTICE**

**PURPOSE**

The primary purpose of this standard gun safety check is to ascertain whether or not the person being checked has sufficient familiarity with standard firearm safety procedures so as to be eligible for a Montana concealed weapon permit under Montana law. The Montana law about concealed weapon permits and this check reads as follows (as of 10/1/95):

"(3) an applicant for a permit under this section must, as a condition to issuance of the permit, be required by the sheriff to demonstrate familiarity with a firearm ...

(5) If the sheriff and applicant agree, the requirement is subsection (3) of demonstrating familiarity with a firearm may be satisfied by the applicant's passing, to the satisfaction of the sheriff or of any person or entity to which the sheriff delegates authority to give the test, a physical test in which the applicant demonstrates the applicant's familiarity with a firearm."

The firearm instructor applying this check may apply this Standard in other situations, at the discretion of the instructor.

**METHODOLOGY**

1. **General** - This safety check is intended to apply to safety procedures with handguns, however, the instructor and person being checked may choose to apply the process outlined here for rifles and/or shotguns as well. The person being checked may be provided a copy of or information about these standards in advance of the check at the instructor's discretion.
2. **Environmental conditions** - The safety must take place at a suitable shooting range, or other similar place where firing of firearms can be safely accomplished, and where an accidental discharge would have no safety consequence. If done out of doors, the safety check should be done under weather conditions that allow a fair display of the safe gun handling abilities of the person being checked. If done in a public place, such as a public shooting range, the instructor and the person being checked should be sufficiently separated from other persons so as to minimize any potential safety problems and to minimize distractions for the person being checked. During the check, the instructor must, at all times, maintain sufficient control of the student and situation to ensure that the process of the check does not violate safety or impose a risk on the instructor, the student, or others. If done at a shooting range with published or posted range safety rules, the test should be conducted in compliance with such rules.
3. **Test one person** - For safety reasons, and for a fair test of any persons being checked, if the instructor is checking more than one person, others scheduled for the safety check should

wait some distance away from where the check is taking place and wait for their individual opportunity to take the safety check. One instructor should not check more than one person at a time, and other persons to be checked should not have the opportunity to benefit from viewing any mistakes that may be made by the person being checked.

4. **Firearm used** - The person being checked must bring the firearm with which they wish to be checked, and they should be encouraged to bring the firearm or action type of firearm that they anticipate carrying should they apply for a concealed weapon permit. If the person being checked seeks the check for the purpose of applying for a concealed weapon permit, the firearm used for the check must be a handgun. In no case should the instructor record any details about the firearm the person being checked supplies.
5. **Application of this standard** - Any person may utilize this Standard for a gun safety check. This Standard is considered to be in the public domain. Persons utilizing this Standard to test others for gun safety should be credentialed firearms or hunter safety instructors, or persons who have previously been so credentialed, or persons who have considerable experience with firearms and gun safety. No one may purport to be administering a test under this Standard on behalf of the Montana Shooting Sports Association unless that person has been individually authorized to do so by the sheriff to whom the person tested will apply for a concealed weapon permit. Only the sheriff who will issue the permit can authorize to do so by the sheriff to whom the person tested will apply for a concealed weapon permit. Only the sheriff who will issue the permit can authorize any other person to administer a gun safety check that the sheriff will accept in application for a concealed weapon permit.

### **PRACTICE**

1. **Condition of firearm.** The person being checked must bring the supplied firearm to the place of the check in a safe condition. For purposes of this check, a safe condition may be either loaded or unloaded, but if the firearm is loaded, it must have any present safety devices engaged. Further, any firearm used for this test, whether loaded or unloaded must be contained in some sort of container, including gun case, gun bag, box, holster, or other container acceptable to the instructor. The person may not physically handle the firearm until prompted to do so by the instructor. Handling!! of the supplied firearm by the person checked before being prompted to do so by the instructor is grounds for issuing the student a NO PASS score for the test. Upon examination by the instructor, the firearm used must appear to be suitable for safe function and use. The instructor may cancel the check, without prejudice to the person being checked, if, at any time, the instructor should determine that the firearm being used may have physical or mechanical safety problems.
2. **Muzzle direction.** At all times during the check, the person being checked must keep the muzzle pointed downrange, if at a shooting range, or the equivalent of downrange if at some other suitable location. If at any time, the person being checked should cause the muzzle of their firearm to point in a direction that is more than ninety degrees of angle away from an imaginary line between the person and the target designated by the instructor, such occurrence shall be grounds for issuing the student a NO PASS score for the test. At no time during the test may the person being checked handle the firearm in such a way that places the instructor, or any other person, forward of the muzzle of the firearm. Forward of the muzzle is defined as forward of an imaginary line that is perpendicular to the bore of the firearm at the muzzle. If the person being checked should handle their firearm in such a way that the instructor or any other person is forward of the muzzle, such occurrence shall be grounds for issuing the student a NO PASS score for the test.

3. **Gun handling check.** Upon being prompted to do so by the instructor, and with strict attendance to muzzle direction, the person being checked should remove their firearm from its container, and demonstrate the following to the instructor:
  - a. Loading and unloading of the firearm, and
  - b. Activation and deactivation of any safety devices on the firearm, and
  - c. Firing the firearm without ammunition (dry firing), and
  - d. That the person is physically strong enough and able to perform these functions.

For purposed of satisfying the instructor, the student must demonstrate these functions to the complete satisfaction of the instructor. The instructor administering the check will be the final judge of whether the person being checked has sufficient skills to reasonably handle their firearm in a safe manner. For the guidance of the instructor, the instructor should not demand expert gun handling skills. Rather, the instructor should ascertain that the student has a reasonable grasp of basic gun handling and safety procedures. If at any time during the gun handling test the student should experience an accidental discharge of the firearm, such occurrence shall be grounds for issuing a NO PASS score for the test.

4. **Firing the firearm.** The instructor should provide the student with a paper or cardboard target, sixteen inches square or larger, at the distance of between ten and twenty feet from the student. The instructor will ask the student to fire six rounds at the target. The instructor is responsible for making the student uses eye and ear protection for this test. The instructor is responsible for ensuring that this test occurs with sufficient safety for the student, instructor, and any other persons present. The student should not be prompted for each step of this portion of the check, such as loading the firearm, deactivating safety devices, and rendering the firearm in a safe condition after firing. It is not a significant part of this test that the student display special or exceptional accuracy. Unless the instructor judges the student to be wildly inaccurate (such as all rounds off target), whatever accuracy results should be sufficient, as long as the student completes the firing sequence with full attention to safe gun handling.
5. **Home gun safety.** The instructor may question the student about safety procedures used by the student to store or handle the firearm away from the range or test site, including questions about what strategy the student may employ to prevent the firearm from being handled or misused by children. Whether the answers to such question satisfy the instructor is up to the judgement of the instructor. However, the instructor may not fail the student simply because the student does not always keep firearms unloaded or locked up at home. The instructor, at his discretion, may coach the student about home gun safety procedures.

Once the student has completed the firing sequence, has returned their firearm to a safe condition, has replaced their firearm in the container in which it arrived, and has answered any relevant question posed by the instructor, the safety check is complete.

6. **Scoring the student.** If the student has violated any of the safety procedures highlighted above for which the instructor MAY issue a DO NOT PASS score, the instructor MAY fail the student and decline to issue any credentials signifying the student's satisfactory completion of the test. If the student has violated any TWO of the safety procedures highlighted about for which the instructor MAY issue a DO NOT PASS score, the instructor MUST fail the student and decline to issue any credentials signifying the student's



satisfactory completion of the test. The instructor may issue a DO NOT PASS score if, in the instructor's judgement, the student is not capable of safely handling a firearm.

Generally, considerable discretion is left in the hands of the instructor about whether the instructor judges the student to have passed or failed the safety check. It is recommended that the instructor will not expect or require expert gun handling skills from the student, but that the instructor not tolerate sloppy gun handling skills or inattention to basic gun safety. If the student should fail the test, the student should not be rescheduled to take the test again that same day, or for any longer period of time (up to a week) stipulated by the instructor. If the student should fail the test, the instructor should inform the student of why the student failed the test, and what procedures the student must practice to pass the test upon a subsequent testing.

7. **Issuing credentials.** Upon the student's satisfactory completion of this firearm safety check, the instructor should issue a letter or card of completion to the student. If the student performs the check so as to be eligible for a concealed weapon permit under Montana law, the form of the credential issued must be one that is acceptable to the sheriff to whom the student will apply for a permit. The credential may cite having used this Standard for the check, but may not purport to have done the check with authorization from the Montana Shooting Sports Association unless the instructor is individually certified by the Montana Shooting Sports Association to administer this check. If this Standard is cited on the credential issued, it should be cited as follows: "Name was tested for safe gun handling skills according to the Standard Firearm Safety Check published by the Montana Shooting Sports Association."
  
8. **Fee for testing.** The instructor may charge any fee that is agreeable between himself or herself and the student. However, the instructor must have clearly established any fee to be charged with the student prior to beginning the test. For example, the instructor should inform the student before the test about what fee will be charged, if any, for the test, and if there is any difference in fee if the student passes or fails the test. There will be a \$2.00 range fee and cost of targets, unless you are a member of the Roundup Sportsman's Association.