

TIOGA COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE - 'GENERAL' PISTOL PERMIT GUIDELINES

1. Pistol permits are issued to Tioga County residents, or Non-NYS residents that are primarily employed or own a business in Tioga County. If a permit holder moves out of county to another address in NYS, they must transfer their permit to the county in which they reside. If a permit holder moves out of State, and no longer is primarily employed, or no longer owns a business in Tioga County, their pistol permit will be terminated.
2. Tioga County pistol permits are issued "Concealed Carry", restricted to "Target Practice and Hunting". Additional restrictions may be added to permits by the Issuing Judge if 'proper cause exists'. A written request for additional restrictions (listing the reasons for the restriction(s)) must be made to the attention of the Issuing Judge, then submitted to the Pistol Permit Division for processing.
3. You must carry your pistol permit with you whenever you are in possession of your handgun(s). All handguns in your possession must be listed on your pistol permit. Tioga County pistol permits are valid anywhere in New York, except for New York City (to include the Boroughs of Manhattan, Queens, Brooklyn, Bronx, and Staten Island).
4. To carry your handgun legally, you must be involved in an activity that falls within your pistol permit restrictions (example: if you have a 'Hunting and Target' permit, and you have your handgun at work, you are operating outside of your restrictions and could face legal action).
5. Handguns may be transported in a loaded state as long as you are acting within your pistol permit restrictions. The safest manner to transport a handgun is unloaded, and secured in a gun case. Never leave a handgun unattended, or where others can have access to it. Safes and locks should be used with all weapons at home, especially when children are present.
6. You must complete a "Pistol Permit Amendment Form" every time you purchase or dispose (sell) a handgun. Do not pick up a new handgun until it has been added to your pistol permit with the Pistol Permit Division. A \$3.00 Amendment Fee is required at the time the form is completed. Amendment Forms are also required to be completed when the following apply: you move, have a name change, co-register a gun, transfer out of county-state, or you need a duplicate permit. If a pistol permit holder passes away, the handguns on their permit must be transferred to another NYS permit holder or licensed gun dealer within 15 days. After the 15 day limit, all handguns must then be turned into the Sheriff's Office for a Nuisance Weapon Investigation.
7. If you plan to take your handgun(s) to another State, you must abide by the laws of each State in which you are traveling. New York does not recognize out of state pistol permits. Any handguns brought into New York from another state (except when shipping through licensed gun dealers), must be "voluntarily" turned in to the Sheriff's Office for a Nuisance Weapon Investigation. Once the guns are cleared, they may be released as allowed by law.
8. Amnesty Laws in New York allow for individuals who "voluntarily" turn in handguns that are not registered on a pistol permit, or otherwise are deemed illegal to possess, to be free of any criminal charges. Guns turned in voluntarily to the Sheriff's Office, if cleared by investigation, may be released as allowed by law.
9. Handguns must be bought, sold or transferred through licensed gun dealers. NYS law requires "every" permit holder purchasing a firearm to have a "NICS" background check completed. NICS checks are completed by a licensed gun dealer before the buyer takes possession of the firearm. The purchaser will also be required to supply a copy of the NICS check completed on them for that purchase. Receipts need to contain the following information: date of sale, handgun description to include make, model, caliber, serial number and type (pistol, revolver, semi, single shot, etc.) and both the buyer's and seller's information (name, address and phone number). Business letterhead should be used by the gun dealer.
10. If you have any questions regarding pistol permits and/or firearms, feel free to use the following references:
Website: <http://troopers.ny.gov/Firearms/> Call: NYSP Pistol Permit Bureau in Albany @ (518) 464-7120
Website: www.tiogacountysheriff.com Call: Tioga County Sheriff's Office Pistol Permit Bureau during normal business hours (8am to 4pm) at # (607) 687-8460.

The guidelines listed above are general in manner, and do not include all the laws, or exceptions to the rules. See the NYS Penal Law Sections 265.00 and 400.00 for additional information regarding handguns and pistol permits.