



Defending Your Right to Defend Yourself

Open carry is legal in Virginia in most places with or without a Concealed Handgun Permit (CHP).

Concealed carry requires, with a few exceptions, a CHP.

However, some restrictions may apply. See reverse.

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Places where carry is prohibited in Virginia

CC = concealed carry OC = open carry

- Restaurants & clubs: CC prohibited while consuming alcoholic beverages (§18.2-308.012.B)
- Private property when prohibited by property owner (§18.2-308.01.C & trespass violation)
- Virginia state-government or state-agency buildings (§18.2-283.2)
- Certain local gov. facilities (see link at bottom) (§15.2-915.E.)
- K-12, preschool, & child daycare grounds (CHP holders exempted for CC while in a vehicle). For private/religious preschool and child daycare, only applies during operating hours (§18.2-308.1)
- K-12 school buses and property used exclusively for K-12 school-sponsored functions (§18.2-308.1)
- Public college and university buildings (§18.2-283.2)
- Places of worship while a meeting for religious purposes is being held "without good and sufficient reason" (§18.2-283 and Attorney General ruling that self-defense is a good and sufficient reason)
- Courthouses (§18.2-283.1)
- Hospitals & emergency rooms w/ mental health svcs. (§18.2-283.3)
- Air carrier airport terminal buildings (§18.2-287.01)
- Publicly carrying a handgun with a magazine larger than 20 rounds is prohibited in certain localities without a CHP (§18.2-287.4)
- Within 100 feet of a polling place from 1 hour before until 1 hour after operating hours (§24.2-604)
- Federal buildings (§18 USC 930) & many federal agency lands
- Detention Facilities (§15.2-915)
- Buggs Island (4VAC15-40-140)
- Hog Island Wildlife Management Area (4VAC15-40-120)

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