

CHAPTER 62.1-03 HANDGUNS

62.1-03-01. Carrying handgun - Restrictions - Exceptions.

1. A handgun may be carried by a person not prohibited from possessing one by section 62.1-02-01 or any other state statute, in a manner not prohibited by section 62.1-02-10 if:
 - a. Between the hours of one hour before sunrise and one hour after sunset, the handgun is carried unloaded and either in plain view or secured.
 - b. Between the hours of one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise, the handgun is carried unloaded and secured.
2. The restrictions provided in subdivisions a and b of subsection 1 do not apply to:
 - a. Any person possessing a valid North Dakota concealed weapons license or a valid license issued by another state authorizing the person to carry a dangerous weapon concealed if that state permits a holder of a valid North Dakota concealed weapons license to carry a dangerous weapon concealed in that state without obtaining a similar license from that state.
 - b. Any person on that person's land, or in that person's permanent or temporary residence, or fixed place of business.
 - c. Any person while lawfully engaged in target shooting.
 - d. Any person while in the field engaging in the lawful pursuit of hunting or trapping. However, nothing in this exception authorizes the carrying of a loaded handgun in a motor vehicle.
 - e. Any person permitted by law to possess a handgun while carrying the handgun unloaded and in a secure wrapper from the place of purchase to that person's home or place of business, or to a place of repair or back from those locations.
 - f. Any North Dakota law enforcement officer.
 - g. Any law enforcement officer of any other state or political subdivision thereof if on official duty within this state.
 - h. Any armed security guard or investigator as authorized by the attorney general when on duty or going to or from duty.
 - i. Any member of the armed forces of the United States when on duty or going to or from duty and when carrying the handgun issued to the member.
 - j. Any member of the national guard, organized reserves, state defense forces, or state guard organizations, when on duty or going to or from duty and when carrying the handgun issued to the member by the organization.
 - k. Any officer or employee of the United States duly authorized to carry a handgun.
 - l. Any person engaged in manufacturing, repairing, or dealing in handguns or the agent or representative of such person possessing, using, or carrying a handgun in the usual or ordinary course of such business.

- m. Any common carrier, but only when carrying the handgun as part of the cargo in the usual cargo carrying portion of the vehicle.

62.1-03-02. Selling handgun to minors prohibited - Penalty. Any person who sells, barter, hires, lends, or gives any handgun to any minor is guilty of a class A misdemeanor. This section does not prohibit a person from lending or giving a handgun to a minor if the minor will be using the handgun under the direct supervision of an adult and for the purpose of firearm safety training, target shooting, or hunting.

62.1-03-03. Copy of federal license submitted to law enforcement officials. A retail dealer licensed to sell handguns by the federal government shall send a copy of the license, within seven days after receiving it, to the chief of police of the city and the sheriff of the county in which the dealer is licensed to sell handguns.

62.1-03-04. False information prohibited. No person, in purchasing or otherwise securing delivery of a handgun or in applying for a license to carry the handgun concealed, may give false information or offer false evidence of the person's identity.

62.1-03-05. Prohibited alterations in handgun. No person may change, alter, remove, or obliterate any mark of identification on a handgun, such as the name of the maker, model, or manufacturer's number or knowingly possess a handgun on which such alterations have been made. Possession of any handgun upon which any such identification mark has been changed, altered, removed, or obliterated creates a rebuttable presumption that the possessor made the alterations.

62.1-03-06. General penalty. Any person who violates any provision of this chapter, for which another penalty is not specifically provided, is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.