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Dear Licensee:

You must practice care and safety in carrying a concealed firearm, below is a few of the many considerations you should bear in mind when carrying a firearm:

You have applied for and been granted a license to carry a concealed firearm as provided in Pennsylvania Uniform Firearms Act, Section 6109.

As the issuing authority, I feel a duty to offer some words of caution and advice. A permit to carry a concealed firearm is a privilege- not a right. It is subject to revocation should you abuse it.

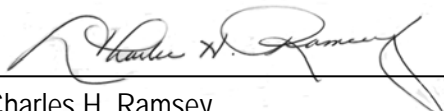
1. **IMPORTANT:** When in contact with a law enforcement officer, follow all instructions given. Police officers and other law enforcement personnel, as part of their official duties, may encounter you either on the street, inside a business or residence, or during a vehicle stop. The officer(s) are unaware that you may be armed. You should not make any sudden moves. You **MUST** inform the officer **IMMEDIATELY**, that you are armed and possess a valid permit to carry. Then follow the officer's instructions explicitly.
2. **NOTE:** If you are **ARRESTED** or your License to Carry is confiscated for any reason, it is your responsibility to notify the Gun Permits Unit as soon as possible. This action will ensure that the necessary steps are taken to have your License to Carry returned to the Gun Permits Unit.
3. You should be familiar with the safe handling, care and operation of your firearm. Read the manufacturer's instructions and care guidelines. Also seek training by a competent instructor. Otherwise, you may represent a potential threat to yourself, your family, and your fellow citizens. The law does not require such training. Therefore, it is your responsibility to take the necessary steps to acquire it.
4. Any overt and unnecessary display of firearms in public places can cause alarm and adverse reactions by fellow citizens. Do not create a situation which could result in the revocation of your permit.
5. You should have knowledge of the laws pertaining to deadly force and its legal application under Pennsylvania statutes. An improper or careless decision can expose you to criminal prosecution and/or civil liability.
6. When carrying your firearm you **MUST** also have your License to Carry, failure to do so can result in arrest for violation of Pennsylvania Crime Code 6122 and revocation of your License to Carry.
7. Your permit does not exempt you from obeying appropriate local statutes or ordinances governing behavior with firearms.
8. The carrying of a firearm creates the possibility of it being taken from you and used against you or another person.
9. When traveling out-of state with your weapon it is your responsibility to know that states laws and whether you can or can not carry there. Information can be found at the Pennsylvania State Attorney General's website:
<http://www.attorneygeneral.gov/crime.aspx?id-184>
10. When you are not carrying a firearm, it should be securely stored in a safe location, unloaded and out of reach of children. Ammunition should be stored in a separate location. You should never store your weapon in a locker or other accessible location in the home or business when not actively carrying the weapon.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

11. **Under no Circumstance** should you store your weapon in a vehicle (trunk or otherwise). If your weapon is lost or stolen because of the weapon being left in a vehicle, this will result in the immediate revocation of your license to carry.
12. Alcohol should not be indulged and certain medications or any controlled substance should not be ingested when carrying a firearm. Avoid locations where alcoholic beverages are served when carrying a firearm. Remember: even if you are not drinking, others are, and their inhibitions and judgement are affected. Common sense should dictate when and where it is necessary to carry a concealed firearm.
13. A concealed firearm permit does NOT confer law enforcement powers. Anyone giving the false impression that they are acting in a law enforcement capacity will be subject to immediate license revocation and criminal prosecution.
14. A private security guard or watchman's firearms permit does NOT exempt him/her from the Pennsylvania legal requirement for certification according to Act 235 Lethal Weapons Training. Certification information can be obtained from the Pennsylvania State Police Bureau of Standards and Certification Pa. (717) 533-9111.
15. A firearms permit does NOT exempt you from obtaining a Pennsylvania hunting and/or fishing license in order to engage in such activities.
16. A **Protection from Abuse (PFA) Order** is grounds for revocation of your permit. Once a PFA order has been issued you must surrender your permit to carry. The permit must be returned to the Gun Permit Unit.
17. In the event your Permit to Carry becomes stolen, lost, or misplaced, you must call police and file a report immediately. Upon obtaining an Incident Report Number from the District of Occurrence, you must then file a Lost/Stolen report with the Gun Permit Unit. You are **PROHIBITED** from carrying a firearm until this Unit has made a subsequent investigation and a new permit card / number can be issued to you. The fee for the new Permit is \$50.00.
18. **NOTE:** If you find or recover your stolen, lost or misplaced permit, you must notify the Gun Permits Unit immediately. Then surrender your License to Carry to the Gun Permits Unit, ASAP, via mail or in person. You could be subject to **ARREST** if you carry a firearm on a previously reported stolen, lost or misplaced permit
19. In the event you should move to a new address, you must notify the Gun Permit Unit of this change as soon as possible. This is needed to keep your information current. You do not need to have the license updated. If you desire to have your updated address on your permit there is a cost of \$50.00 for this service.

By using COMMON SENSE at all times, you will not abuse the considerable responsibility that you have assumed by possessing a concealed firearm permit.



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