

## COMMON GUN AND FIREARMS QUESTIONS

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Does Vermont law prohibit the possession or sale of semiautomatic assault weapons (SAWs)?	No	Congress banned the possession and sale of SAWs in 1994, but that law expired in 2004.	N/A
Does Vermont law prohibit the possession or sale of high volume gun clips or magazines, known as large-capacity ammunition feeding devices (LCAFDs)?	No	Congress banned the possession of LCAFDs in 1994, but that law expired in 2004.	N/A
Does Vermont law prohibit possession of firearms by persons convicted of any criminal offenses?	Yes	Persons convicted of statutorily defined “violent crimes” may not possess firearms in Vermont.	13 V.S.A. § 4017
Are there any restrictions or reporting requirements under Vermont law on the sale of firearms?	Yes	Retail merchants dealing in firearms and pawnbrokers must keep detailed records of all handgun sales, and no person other than a parent or instructor may sell or furnish a firearm or other dangerous weapon or ammunition to a child under age 16.	13 VSA §§ 4006, 4007
Are there any age restrictions on the possession of firearms in Vermont?	Yes	A child under age 16 may not possess a handgun in Vermont without the consent of the child’s parent. In addition, under federal law it is illegal for anyone under 18 years of age to possess a handgun or handgun ammunition, and persons in the business of selling firearms (known as Federal Firearms Licensees, or	13 VSA § 1408; 18 USC § 922(b), (x)

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		FFLs) are prohibited from selling shotguns or rifles to persons under 18 and handguns to persons under 21.	
Does Vermont law have any restrictions on the number of firearms a person may purchase?	No	Although there are no limits under Vermont law on the number of firearms that may be purchased, federal law requires FFLs to submit “multiple sales reports” to the Attorney General if any person purchases two or more handguns within five consecutive business days.	18 USC § 922(q)(3)(A)
Does Vermont require a permit to carry a concealed weapon?	No	Vermont and Alaska are the only two states that do not require a permit to carry a concealed weapon. Illinois and Wisconsin prohibit concealed weapons, and the other states require permits.	N/A
Does Vermont law regulate the purchase of firearms at gun shows?	No	Several states have enacted laws to regulate firearms sales at gun shows, typically by requiring background checks. In addition, federal law requires FFLs to do background checks on any of their sales to non-licensees, at gun shows or anywhere else. Background checks are not required for private sales, whether at gun shows or other locations.	18 USC § 922(s)