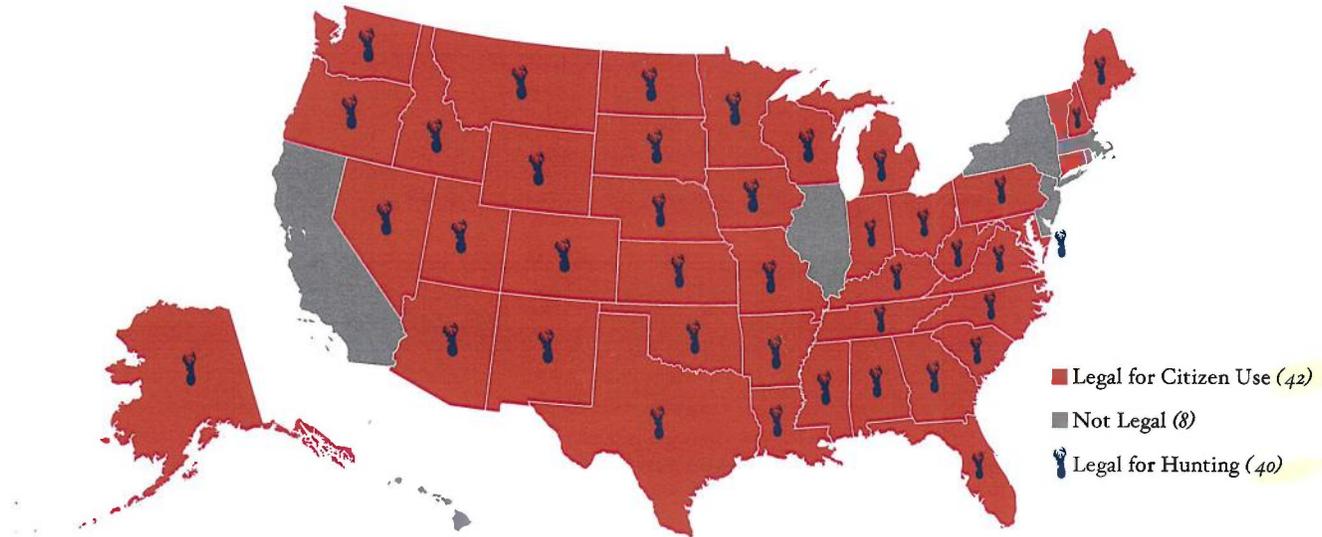




AMERICAN SUPPRESSOR ASSOCIATION



SINCE THE ASA'S FORMATION IN 2011:

- ★ 18 states have legalized suppressor hunting ★
- 3 states have legalized suppressor ownership

Suppressors, also known as silencers, are the hearing protection of the 21st century sportsman. Despite common misconceptions, suppressors are not silent. They are simply mufflers for firearms.

SUPPRESSOR BENEFITS

- 1. HEARING PROTECTION:** Suppressors reduce the noise of a gunshot by an average of 20 – 35 dB, which is roughly the same as earplugs or earmuffs. By decreasing the overall sound signature, suppressors help to preserve the hearing of recreational shooters, hunters, and hunting dogs around the world.
- 2. HUNTING:** Most hunters do not wear hearing protection in the field because they want to hear their surroundings. Suppressors allow hunters to maintain full situational awareness while still protecting their hearing. The result is a safer hunting experience.
- 3. NOISE COMPLAINTS:** Although it can still be heard, suppressed gunfire helps mitigate noise complaints from those who live near shooting ranges and hunting land.
- 4. ACCURACY:** Suppressors reduce recoil, and help decrease muzzle flinch. These benefits lead to improved accuracy, better shot placement, and more humane hunts.

REGULATION

Suppressors are regulated under the National Firearms Act (NFA) of 1934, and fall under the purview of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). The Federal regulations carry severe penalties for criminal use. Legally obtained suppressors are almost never used in crime.

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Traditional Rifle Suppressor

