

PERMITLESS CARRY

MYTH vs FACT



There's a lot of misinformation about the new permitless carry law and Pinellas County's law enforcement leaders want to ensure that residents and visitors understand what the law does and what the law doesn't do.

MYTH



IT AUTHORIZES OPEN CARRY.

ANYBODY CAN GET A GUN WITHOUT A BACKGROUND CHECK.

IT DOESN'T RESTRICT WHO CAN LEGALLY CARRY A GUN.

YOU CAN CARRY A GUN ANYWHERE.

CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS ARE GOING AWAY.

FACT



OPEN CARRY IS STILL ILLEGAL IN FLORIDA.

under most circumstances.

You may only openly carry a firearm if you are engaged in or traveling to or from fishing, camping, hunting, or test/target shooting.

NOT TRUE.

The new law does not change who can purchase a firearm or the waiting period to purchase a firearm. Licensed retailers must complete the appropriate paperwork for the buyer and provide the buyer's information to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement where it is checked in the Florida Crime Information Center and National Crime Information Center. There is a mandatory three-day waiting period between the purchase and delivery of the firearm.

NOT TRUE.

To carry a concealed firearm in Florida, you must meet the same criteria required to apply for your concealed weapons permit as outlined in 790.06 of the Florida Statutes. You must be a U.S. citizen that is at least 21 years of age without a felony conviction or other disqualifying conditions as outlined in 790.23 of the Florida Statutes.

NOT TRUE.

The new law does not change where you can carry a firearm. You may not carry a firearm anywhere that a private business or property owner has prohibited them or anywhere outlined in 790.06 of the Florida Statutes including, but not limited to schools, any college or university, bars, courthouses, and into government meetings.

NOT TRUE.

The Florida Department of Agriculture will continue to maintain the program and issue new permits. Concealed Weapon Permits (CWP) still have benefits including reciprocity in other states that recognize Florida's CWPs and the ability to purchase and take delivery of firearms same day in lieu of the three-day waiting period.

