



H 1169: Concealed Carry in Public with No Permit and No Training

- ❑ **Bottom Line:** The gun lobby is pushing legislation in North Dakota that would dismantle the concealed carry permit requirement and let people carry hidden, loaded handguns in public without a permit or safety training. H 1169 would lower the bar for who may carry concealed handguns in public in North Dakota, and would let dangerous individuals and people with no safety training legally carry hidden, loaded handguns in crowded town centers and on city streets. Lawmakers should put the safety of their constituents first and reject permitless carry in North Dakota.
- ❑ **The vast majority of states require that a person get a permit before carrying a concealed gun in public.**
 - In the vast majority of US states, including North Dakota, a person must have a permit to carry a loaded, concealed handgun in public. These laws ensure that core public safety standards are preserved when people carry guns in public places.
 - Permitless carry bills would repeal these important public safety laws, allowing people to carry concealed guns in public without a permit or safety training.
 - **Eighty-eight percent** of Americans think you should get a permit before carrying a concealed handgun in public.¹
- ❑ **Permitless carry would dramatically lower the bar for who can carry a concealed handgun in public in North Dakota—to include dangerous people and those with no firearms training.**
 - **Dangerous people:** Under current North Dakota law, law enforcement can deny carry permits to people who present a danger to themselves or others, including those who have histories of unlawful violence or of making violent threats.² But permitless carry would strip law enforcement of this authority, and allow these dangerous people to legally carry hidden, loaded handguns throughout the state.
 - **No firearms training:** Most states require a handgun safety course before a person can get a permit and carry a concealed handgun. Under current North Dakota law, applicants for carry permits must complete safety training conducted by a certified administrator.³ But under permitless carry, people who have never handled a gun before would be able to legally carry hidden, loaded handguns on our city streets.
 - **No background check:** The vast majority of US states require a criminal background check before a person can get a permit and carry a concealed handgun. Under current North Dakota law, applicants for carry permits must pass state and federal criminal history records checks to ensure that they are not a felon, domestic abuser, person with dangerous mental illness, or otherwise legally prohibited from having guns.⁴ But permitless carry would remove this important safeguard and allow people who have never passed a criminal background check to legally carry hidden, loaded handguns throughout the state.

¹ Strategies 360 Survey, March 2015.

² N.D. Cent. Code § 62.1-04-03(e).

³ N.D. Cent. Code § 62.1-04-03(d).

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