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Required Notification to Gun Purchasers in South Carolina

“If a gun owner commits a crime involving a concealable weapon, and the owner does not have a valid concealed weapon permit, then there may be an additional criminal penalty for the underlying offense.” S.C. Code Ann. § 16-23-495 (D)

Pursuant to the South Carolina Constitutional Carry/Second Amendment Preservation Act of 2024, you are not required to obtain a Concealed Weapons Permit (CWP) to lawfully carry openly or concealed in authorized locations in South Carolina.

South Carolina provides a free State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) sponsored Concealed Weapons Permit course in every county at least twice per month, depending on demand. Please visit our website <https://sled.sc.gov/cwpclasses> to find a free course near you. Although obtaining a CWP is not required, if you are charged with a crime involving a gun and you do not possess a CWP, it could result in additional criminal penalties as defined below.

S.C. Code Ann. § 16-23-495

“(A) A person convicted of committing or attempting to commit a crime involving a concealable weapon, as defined by Section 23-31-210(5), in violation of an offense listed in Chapter 23, Title 16, or a violation of Section 10-11-320, must be imprisoned not to exceed three years. A term of imprisonment imposed for violating this section must be served consecutively to any term of imprisonment imposed for the underlying offense and may not exceed the actual sentence imposed for the underlying offense.

(B) This section does not apply to a person with a valid permit to carry a concealable weapon issued pursuant to Article 4, Chapter 31, Title 23, provided that the permit was valid at the time the crime was committed.

(C) The additional punishment may not be imposed unless the indictment alleged as a separate count that the person was in possession of a concealable weapon without a valid concealed weapon permit during the commission of the crime, and conviction was had upon this count in the indictment. The penalties prescribed in this section may not be imposed unless the person convicted was at the same time indicted and convicted of the underlying crime.”

Additional information, including proper storage, CWP training courses, children and firearms, guidance, reciprocity, South Carolina gun laws, and the process to apply for a CWP, can be found at <https://www.scsafecarry.com/>.

Free SLED CWP Courses:



SC Safe Carry Training Courses:



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