

Mississippi Permitless Carry

QUICK-REFERENCE CARD | 2026

Mississippi permitless carry lets eligible adults carry without a state license. Location rules, reciprocity gaps, and use-of-force standards still apply in full.

SECTION 1 | ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST

You qualify for Mississippi permitless carry ONLY if ALL of the following apply:

- Age 18 or older
- No domestic violence misdemeanor convictions
- Not adjudicated mentally incompetent
- Not an unlawful user of controlled substances
- Carrying valid photo ID (driver's license or state-issued ID)
- No felony convictions (state or federal)
- No active felony indictment
- Not involuntarily committed to a mental institution
- Not subject to a qualifying DV restraining order
- Not engaged in criminal activity while carrying

Medical cannabis note: Mississippi law does not disqualify cardholders solely for cannabis use. Federal law (18 U.S.C. 922(g)(3)) does. Consult a licensed firearms attorney before carrying if you hold a Mississippi medical cannabis card.

SECTION 2 | PROHIBITED LOCATIONS (Miss. Code Ann. 45-9-101)

TIER 1 OFF-LIMITS FOR EVERYONE (No permit helps)	TIER 2 OFF-LIMITS (Permitless + SFP) E-SFP UNLOCKS THESE	TIER 3 FEDERAL PROHIBITION (No state permit applies)
Detention facilities / jails / prisons	Bars and alcohol-serving establishments	Federal buildings and courthouses
Police stations / highway patrol stations	Courthouses (outside active courtrooms)	Post offices
Active courtrooms during proceedings	Government / legislative meeting places	Any facility prohibited by federal law
Places of nuisance (Miss. Code 95-3-1)	Churches / places of worship	Tribal lands (tribal law governs)
	Public parks	
	Political rallies, parades, polling places	
	Airports	
	Non-firearm athletic events	

Private property: Owners may post no-carry signage readable at 10+ feet. Posted properties are enforceable. Carry past a compliant sign = trespassing.

Casinos: Private establishments. Most major Mississippi casinos prohibit carry on premises. Treat as posted no-carry unless confirmed otherwise.

SECTION 3 | OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL DECISION TREE

Mississippi permitless carry provides ZERO carry authority in other states. Use this decision tree before every trip.

YOUR SITUATION	WHAT YOU NEED	RISK IF YOU DON'T
Carry stays entirely within Mississippi	Permitless carry is sufficient under Miss. Code 45-9-101.	No additional risk if location rules are followed.
Travel to other states with a firearm	Standard (SFP) or Enhanced (E-SFP) Firearms Permit required for destination state recognition.	Carrying without recognition = felony in most states.
Carry in bars, churches, or gov. buildings in MS	Enhanced Firearms Permit (E-SFP) required. Permitless and SFP holders must disarm at entry.	Criminal offense. First offense: misdemeanor, \$100-\$500 fine, up to 6 months. Third offense: felony, 1-5 years.
Maximum legal protection and documentation	E-SFP plus documented training beyond the 8-hour requirement. Training record is a legal artifact.	No formal risk, but undocumented carry creates legal exposure in any use-of-force proceeding.

SECTION 4 | PERMIT COMPARISON: SFP vs. E-SFP

	PERMITLESS CARRY	STANDARD PERMIT (SFP)	ENHANCED PERMIT (E-SFP)
Minimum age	18+	21+ (18 military/vet)	21+ (18 military/vet)
Training required	None	None	8-hour DPS-certified course
Application fee	None	\$112 + fingerprints	\$112 + fingerprints
Renewal	N/A	\$40 / 5 yr (\$20 at 65+)	\$40 / 5 yr (\$20 at 65+)
Out-of-state carry	None	Limited reciprocity	35+ states
Restricted locations	No access	No access	Most unlocked
Residency	Not required	Resident / mil / non-res	12+ months MS residency
Creates training record	No	No	Yes

SECTION 5 | WHAT TO CARRY BESIDES YOUR FIREARM

- Valid photo ID (required by law)
- Licensed firearms attorney contact info (below)
- Training log / copies of course certificates
- SFP or E-SFP permit card (if held)
- Self-defense legal coverage (insurance card)
- Knowledge of Stand Your Ground (Miss. Code 97-3-15)

MY FIREARMS ATTORNEY CONTACT LOG

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Bar No.: _____

SECTION 6 | STAND YOUR GROUND + USE-OF-FORCE QUICK FACTS

WHAT IT DOES	WHAT IT DOES NOT DO
Removes duty to retreat when you are in a place you have a legal right to be and are not the initial aggressor. (Miss. Code 97-3-15)	Suspend the five elements of justified use of force: Innocence, Imminence, Proportionality, Avoidance (satisfied by SYG), and Reasonableness. All five are evaluated after the fact.
Castle Doctrine: presumption of reasonable fear inside your home, occupied vehicle, or place of business when an unlawful forcible entry occurs.	Protect you from civil suit automatically. Civil immunity attaches only after a not-guilty verdict in criminal proceedings.

SECTION 7 | OFFICIAL RESOURCES

Mississippi DPS Firearms Permit Division

www.dps.ms.gov

Miss. Code Ann. 45-9-101 (Permitless Carry Statute)

law.justia.com/codes/mississippi

Miss. Code Ann. 97-3-15 (Stand Your Ground)

law.justia.com/codes/mississippi

Handgunlaw.us Mississippi Reference (updated 3/7/2026)

www.handgunlaw.us

USCCA Mississippi CCW Laws Guide

www.usconcealedcarry.com

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