

SHERIFF



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Pistol Permit General Guidelines

1. The applicant must be a legal citizen of the United States of America or possess a Permanent Resident Card (for at least 2 years immediately prior to applying for a pistol permit), and must be a legal citizen of the State of Alabama, and have a primary residence in Mobile County, Alabama.
2. The applicant must have an Alabama Driver's License, an Alabama Identification Card, or a military identification card.
3. The applicant must be at least 21 years of age.
4. Applicants under the age of 25 are required to produce a high school diploma or a GED and two (2) letters of reference from non-relatives. The letters are to indicate the applicant's character and suitability for a pistol permit, and contain the signature and phone number of the author. In addition, an applicant under 25 years of age must provide proof of employment. If the applicant is a student, then a current class schedule and student I.D. must be provided at the time of application. Active members of the Armed Forces who are between the ages of 21 and 25 may present a military identification card in lieu of reference letters, high school diploma and proof of employment.
5. The applicant must be a responsible individual of good character, who routinely exercises good judgment.
6. Who may not obtain a pistol permit in Mobile County?
Certain people are not allowed to possess a pistol under federal and state law. The Sheriff cannot issue a permit to any person who is prohibited by law from possessing or owning a gun. **The following cannot obtain a pistol permit:**
 - a. Any person who has been convicted of a felony (a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year).
 - b. Any person who has been convicted of committing or attempting to commit a crime of violence, for instance murder, manslaughter (except manslaughter arising from the operation of a vehicle), rape, mayhem, assault with intent to rob, assault with intent to ravish, assault with intent to murder, robbery, burglary, kidnapping and larceny.
 - c. Any person who is a drug addict.
 - d. Any person who is a habitual drunkard.
 - e. Any person who has been convicted of domestic violence, even if the conviction is a misdemeanor.

- f. Any person discharged from the Armed Forces under dishonorable conditions.
 - g. Any person who has been adjudicated a mental defective or who has been committed to a mental institution.
 - h. Any person who, having been a citizen of the United States, has renounced his/her citizenship.
 - i. Any person who is a fugitive from justice.
 - j. Any person who is an alien illegally in the United States or under a non-immigrant visa. Any applicant who is in the United States under a Permanent Resident Card must have been a permanent resident of the United States for at least two consecutive years immediately prior to applying for a pistol permit.
 - k. Any person who is subject to a court order that restrains that person from harassing, stalking, or threatening an intimate partner or child of an intimate partner.
 - l. Any person who is not deemed suitable by the Sheriff's Office, including but not limited to the following:
 - i. Any person who has been arrested for any illegal drug charge (including simple possession, paraphernalia, etc.) within the last five (5) years.
 - ii. Any person who has been convicted of any illegal drug charge (including simple possession, paraphernalia, etc.) within the last ten (10) years.
7. The applicant must not give false information or offer false information of his/her identity when applying for a pistol permit. Such a violation is punishable by imprisonment for not more than five (5) years. Ala. Code 13A-11-81.