

PUBLIC ACT 23-53  
TRAINING ON SAFE  
STORAGE OF  
FIREARMS, LAWFUL  
USE OF FIREARMS  
AND LAWFUL  
CARRYING OF  
FIREARMS



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## BASIC INFORMATION

- This PowerPoint has been developed to be taught in conjunction with your instructor's current curriculum in order to satisfy the training requirements set forth in Connecticut General Statutes § 29-28, as amended by Public Act 23-53
- You must submit to your local issuing authority BOTH the certificate of completion for the Public Act 23-53 training and a certificate of completion for the balance of the course



## SAFE STORAGE IN THE HOME OR PLACE OF BUSINESS

### Connecticut General Statutes § 29-37i

- No person shall store or keep any firearm, on any premises under such person's control unless the person:
  - (1) Keeps the firearm in a securely locked box or other container or in a manner which a reasonable person would believe to be secure **OR**
  - (2) Carries the firearm on his/her person **OR**
  - (3) Keeps the firearm within such close proximity to his/herself that such person can readily retrieve and use the firearm (as if such person was carrying the firearm on his/her person)



# SAFE STORAGE IN A VEHICLE

## Connecticut General Statutes § 29-38g

- All pistols or revolvers stored in an unattended motor vehicle must be kept in the trunk (area not accessible from the passenger compartment), locked glove box, or locked safe.
  - “[A] motor vehicle is unattended if no person who is at least twenty-one years of age and who is the owner or operator or a passenger of such motor vehicle is inside the motor vehicle or is within close enough proximity to the motor vehicle to prevent unauthorized access to the motor vehicle . . . .”

## Connecticut General Statutes § 53-205

- No person shall carry or possess in any vehicle or snowmobile any firearm, other than a pistol or revolver (for which they have a valid CT Permit to Carry, or is legally secured above), while such firearm contains in the barrel, chamber, or magazine any loaded shell or cartridge capable of being discharged.



# LAWFUL USE OF FIREARMS

## Connecticut General Statutes § 53-203

- No person shall intentionally, negligently or carelessly discharge any firearm in such a manner as to be likely to cause bodily injury or death to persons or domestic animals, or the wanton destruction of property.

## Connecticut General Statutes § 53-204; Conn. Agencies Reg. § 26-66-1 (e)

- No person shall hunt or discharge any firearm from or across the traveled portion of any public highway.

## Conn. Agencies Reg. § 26-66-1(d)

- No person shall hunt or shoot a firearm within 500 feet of any building occupied by people or domestic animals.



# LAWFUL USE OF FIREARMS IN DEFENSE OF SELF OR OTHERS

## Connecticut General Statutes § 53a-19

- If you reasonably believe that a person is using or about to use deadly physical force against you or a third person, or that a person is inflicting or about to inflict great bodily harm against you or a third person, you may use deadly force.
  - However, prior to using such deadly force, you have a duty to retreat if the avenue of retreat is reasonable.
  - NOTE: You do not have a duty to retreat if:
    - You are in your own dwelling; or
    - You are in your place of work and not the initial aggressor



# LAWFUL CARRYING OF FIREARMS IN PUBLIC

## Connecticut General Statutes § 29-35

- No person shall carry any pistol or revolver on their person WITHOUT A PERMIT except when such person is within their home, on land leased or owned by that person, or within the place of business of that person.
- No person shall knowingly carry a firearm WITHOUT A PERMIT and with intent to display (open carry) except within their home, on land leased or owned, or within the place of business, or engaged in firearm training or bonafide hunting activity.
- A reasonable measure to conceal said firearm when carrying must be taken. Neither a fleeting glimpse of a firearm nor an imprint of a firearm through such person's clothing is a violation.



# LAWFUL CARRYING OF FIREARMS IN PUBLIC (continued)

## Connecticut General Statutes § 29-28(e)

- The issuance of a permit to carry does **NOT** authorize the possession or carrying of a pistol or revolver in any premises where the possession or carrying is otherwise prohibited by law or is prohibited by the person who owns or exercises control over such premises.

Examples: Schools (Federal & State Law), courthouses, anywhere "NO FIREARMS" is posted.



# LEGAL UPDATES

- Firearms laws are often very in depth. If you have ANY questions, please seek legal advice.
- State and Federal firearms laws are often changing and evolving. It is important that you are up to date on firearms laws, not only as a permitted individual, but also as a firearm owner.
- You must follow all State and Federal laws and regulations as they pertain to the purchasing, carrying, storage and use of firearms.

