



Concealed Carry Mistakes

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Is Your Motivation Correct?

A lot of people carry a gun as a “power trip.”

- Don't go looking for trouble when you carry a firearm.
- Remember that your gun is a tool for when you have no choice but to use force. It isn't there to make you feel better or more powerful.
- Never take lightly the choice to carry a lethal weapon. **If you use your gun, your life will be changed forever.**

Is Your Training Current/Complete?

Your gun training doesn't stop with getting a CCW permit.

- An expert requires 10,000 hours of practice. Your training doesn't have to happen overnight.
- Most people don't shoot even 3,000 rounds over the lifetime of their gun.
- Training changes and evolves. What was correct years ago may have changed now.
- Many people lack low-light training.
- Pursue ongoing, current, complete handgun training to keep your skills up to date and well-honed. This includes fundamentals.

Do You Know Your Local/State Laws?

Do you understand the legal environment in which you will use your firearm? If you don't, you'll go to jail.

- Vocabulary is a big issue. A legal word may have a much broader or narrower context or application compared to the everyday use of that word.
- You must look at your state, county, city, and other specific laws and regulations

(such as for government buildings, churches, schools, and bars) to know where you can carry legally.

- Do you know the penalties for carrying concealed in a “gun-free zone” or posted business/private residence?
- Always understand the laws in which you will be carrying and using your gun.

Do You Carry Your Gun All The Time?

A gun that you leave at home can't help you when you need it. Concealed carry is a lifestyle.

- Do you carry a flashlight for low-light conditions? Does your gun have night sights?
- Do you sometimes leave your gun at home because of the clothes you are wearing?
- Carry your gun all the time. Adapt your mode of dress and other habits to that concealed-carry lifestyle. **Theory drives fantasy, while experience drives truth.**
- You must experience carrying your gun on a day-to-day basis.

Do You Shoot Your Carry Ammo?

Almost no one bothers to shoot their expensive carry ammo when practicing at the range.

- Target ammo and defense ammo will be of different grains and have different feeding and ballistic characteristics.
- You need to know that your carry ammo will function and feed reliably in your gun.
- Your life is worth the extra expense of shooting your price carry ammo regularly in your carry gun. This will ensure proper function and accuracy.

Prepare. Train. Survive.