

**The Natural right of citizens to bear arms is affirmed by both the United States Constitution and the Louisiana State Constitution**

**The United States Constitution  
Amendment II**

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

**The LA State Constitution  
Article 1, Section 11:**

“The right of each citizen to keep and bear arms is fundamental and shall not be infringed. Any restriction on this right shall be subject to strict scrutiny.”

**The right to carry a concealed weapon is affirmed and regulated by LRS 40:1379.3**

Statewide permits for concealed handguns; application procedures; definitions A.(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the deputy secretary of public safety services of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall issue a concealed handgun permit to any Louisiana resident who qualifies for a permit under the provisions of this Section and may promulgate rules and adopt regulations regarding concealed handgun permits in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. The permit shall contain a permit number, expiration date, photograph, and the name, address, and date of birth of the permittee.

**The right to open carry without a permit was affirmed in the Attorney General’s statement:**

**Office of the Attorney General  
State of Louisiana Opinion No. 79-1212**

“It is the conclusion of this office that it is legal to carry a gun when it is exposed on one's person. The Louisiana Supreme Court has affirmed this conclusion. State v. Fluker, 311 So.2d 863 (1975). However, the legality of carrying even an exposed gun is subject to certain limitations.



[State v. Chandler, 5 La. Ann. 489, 52 Am. Dec. 599 \(1850\)](#)

**"In State v. Chandler, 5 La. Ann. 489, 490 (1850), the Louisiana Supreme Court held that citizens had a right to carry arms openly:**

**"This is the right guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States, and which is calculated to incite men to a manly and noble defense of themselves, if necessary, and of their country, without any tendency to secret advantages and unmanly assassinations."**

Louisiana is a traditional open carry state. We have complete state preemption of firearms laws with the exception that laws in place prior to the passage of preemption are allowed to remain in place. In the United States, open carry is shorthand terminology for "openly carrying a firearm in public", as distinguished from concealed carry, where firearms cannot be seen by the casual observer.



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# LOUISIANA CARRY



Louisiana Carry is a non-profit organization registered with the Louisiana Secretary of State established to educate and raise awareness of the legalities of carrying firearms in the state of Louisiana.

Our goal is to "normalize" the sight of an armed citizen going about daily business as is legal in the State of Louisiana.

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Members of Louisiana Carry meet monthly at firearm friendly locations with the approval of the management or ownership. We're not there to disrupt their regular business. We like to spend our dollars where our right to protect ourselves and our loved ones is respected.



We respect the property rights of business owners. All our members are advised if they are ever asked to leave an establishment while open carrying to do so immediately. Our organization will make contact with the business at a later time and clarify their stance on open carry.

Our members are asked never to argue with law enforcement or try to educate them about open carry during a law enforcement encounter. If there is an issue, our organization can make contact with that agency after the fact. We make contact both to file complaints and register compliments.

We do not condone or encourage viral "YouTube" videos of law enforcement encounters. Police officers have enough real work on their plate to deal with. We do not support those types of encounters.

We do not open carry long guns. Although we do not disagree with this right, we believe it is counterproductive to our goal. It scares the public, and that's not what we set out to do.

Louisiana Legislature webpage  
[legis.state.la.us](http://legis.state.la.us)

Office of the La Attorney General  
[ag.state.la.us](http://ag.state.la.us)

National Rifle Association  
[nra.org](http://nra.org)

NRA Institute for Legislative Action  
[nraila.org](http://nraila.org)

NRA Civil Rights Defense Fund  
[nradefensefund.org](http://nradefensefund.org)

Gun Owners of America  
[gunowners.org](http://gunowners.org)

Second Amendment Foundation  
[saf.org](http://saf.org)

OpenCarry.org  
[opencarry.org](http://opencarry.org)

American Firearms Institute  
[americanfirearms.org](http://americanfirearms.org)

National Association for Gun Rights  
[nagr.org](http://nagr.org)

Louisiana Carry was established to raise awareness of the legality of all forms of carry of firearms with a focus on Open Carry in the State of Louisiana."

Our mission is to promote the freedom of Louisiana's citizenry to keep and bear arms, to exercise those rights, and educate ourselves and others in the laudable pursuit of that freedom.

Constitutional Carry is our ultimate goal. Helping to share knowledge about all things carry from experienced and knowledgeable gun rights enthusiasts is our method.

We strive to be an educational resource for Louisiana gun owners. To raise awareness of all legal means to carry firearms in the state of Louisiana as well as advocate for safe and responsible gun ownership. We strive to maintain integrity, class and civility as we work with lawmakers and law enforcement to eliminate all unnecessary infringement of the Second Amendment for responsible, law abiding citizens.