

## What Is A State of Michigan CPL?

A Michigan Concealed Pistol License (CPL) authorizes the specified holder to carry a loaded and concealed pistol "on or about his person" for personal protection. As such, after licensure you can legally carry it concealed in your waistband, in your purse, in your otherwise attached holster, and in your automobile.

## Benefits Of Having A CPL

A Michigan CPL gives you the peace of mind that comes with knowing that you have a means of protecting yourself and your family from dangerous predators.

A handgun is a tool of last resort. As such, it is not the proper solution for all of your problems. However, when it is the correct solution, it is the only solution. Violent criminals have no qualms about attacking law abiding citizens in broad daylight in front of a throng of witnesses.

Further, a state of Michigan Concealed Pistol License enables you to have safer vacations. Currently, the state of Michigan has concealed handgun carry reciprocity with 35 other states. Thus, you can lawfully take your firearm with you while traveling out-of-state.

Moreover, a Michigan CPL can enable you to embark upon a new career path. Many high paying occupational positions require a CPL for employment: armed courier, armed security, private investigations, executive protection, and bail enforcement agents.

Lastly, being issued a CPL may enable you to give back to your respective community. Many local communities are now being forced to rely more upon their auxiliary forces due to budgetary cutbacks. Thus, if you have the time, desire, and can meet their requirements, you may have the opportunity to be a reserve police officer or a reserve county deputy. The experience could be prove invaluable if you have a desire to get into law enforcement.

## How To Get A Michigan CPL

With the enactment of PA 381 of 2000, the state of Michigan transitioned from a discretionary CPL licensing system to a "shall issue" system. As such, the requirements to obtain a CPL were standardized across the state and most of the discretionary authority from county gun boards was eliminated.

Thus, if a CPL applicant meets the standardized requirements, the state of Michigan is required by law to issue him a license.

The requirements for Michigan CPL licensure are listed as the following:

- United States citizen or resident alien
- State of Michigan resident (6 months)
- 21 years of age
- Pass a criminal background check
- Not have a mental illness
- Not currently under a PPO
- No pending felony charges
- No dishonorable military discharges
- Not prohibited from possessing guns
- Pass a qualified gun safety class

Thus, if a person seeks CPL licensure, he should do the following tasks:

- Ensure he meets the above requirements
- Take a qualified gun safety class
- Submit a CPL Application to County Clerk
- May have a gun board appearance
- Await results from the county gun board

CPL applicants are advised to be patient when applying. The processing time, depending on the county in which you reside, can take as long as three months.

Thus, if you are sure that you want to be licensed you should enroll into a qualified gun safety class at your earliest convenience. If you are approved for a CPL, you will receive it in the mail.

## Qualified Gun Safety Classes

Michigan law – Section 5j of 1927 PA 372 – is very specific as to what features must be present in a qualified gun safety class.

*The program is certified by this state or a national or a state firearms training organization and provides 5 hours of instruction in, but not limited to providing instruction in, all of the following:*

*Safe storage, handling, and usage of a pistol, including but not limited to, safe storage from children.*

*Ammunition knowledge and the fundamentals of pistol shooting.*

*Pistol shooting positions.*

*Firearms and the law, including civil liability issues and the use of deadly force. This portion shall be taught by an attorney or an individual trained in the use of deadly force. All laws that apply to carrying a concealed pistol in this state.*

*Avoiding criminal attack and controlling a violent confrontation.*

*The program provides at least three hours of instruction on a firing range and requires firing at least 30 rounds of ammunition.*

*The program provides a certificate of completion that states that the program complies with the requirements of this section and that the individual successfully completed the course, and that contains the printed name and the signature of the course instructor. Not later than October 1, 2004 the certificate of completion shall contain the statement, This course complies with section 5j of 1927 PA 372."*

*The instructor of the course is certified by this state or a national organization to teach the 8-hour pistol safety training course described in this section.*

## Fundamental Gun Handling Rules

Always treat a firearm as if it is loaded. The statement, "I didn't know it was loaded" is not a valid excuse for an accidental or negligent discharge of a firearm.

Always keep a firearm pointed in a safe direction. In other words, do not ever point it at something that you are not prepared to destroy.

Always keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot. The trigger finger should always be placed along the slide or the side of the pistol.

Always keep your firearm unloaded until it is in use. (A firearm being actively used for personal protection is in use.)

Always be sure of your target and what is beyond it. Once a bullet leaves your pistol, it can not be recalled. You are responsible for it wherever it lands.

## 2010 CPL Class Schedule

Sat - 1/16/2010	Sat - 1/30/2010
Sat - 2/13/2010	Sun - 2/28/2010
Sat - 3/13/2010	Sun - 3/28/2010
Sat - 4/10/2010	Sun - 4/25/2010
Sat - 5/08/2010	Sun - 5/23/2010
Sat - 6/05/2010	Sun - 6/27/2010
Sun - 7/18/2010	Sat - 7/31/2010
Sun - 8/15/2010	Sat - 8/28/2010
Sun - 9/19/2010	Sat - 10/02/2010
Sun - 10/17/2010	Sat - 10/30/2010
Sun - 11/14/2010	Sat - 11/27/2010
Sun - 12/12/2010	Sun - 12/26/2010

Register for any of the above class dates at our web site:

<http://www.detroitccw.com>

About Rick's Firearm Academy Of Detroit

### NRA Approved Training Classes Offered

NRA Range Safety Officer Training  
 NRA Personal Protection I (CCW/CPL)  
 NRA Home Firearm Safety  
 NRA Basic Pistol  
 NRA Basic Shotgun  
 NRA Basic Rifle  
 NRA Shotgun Shell Reloading  
 NRA Metallic Cartridge Reloading

### Auxiliary Services Offered

Shooting Range Inspections  
 Private Shooting Lessons  
 Firearm Purchase Consulting

### Internet Properties

<http://www.detroitccw.com>  
<http://detroitcpl.blogspot.com>  
<http://www.twitter.com/detroitccw>  
<http://www.facebook.com/MichiganCCW>

### About Chief Instructor Rick Ector

#### NRA Credentials

Appointed Training Counselor  
 Appointed Chief Range Safety Officer  
 Certified Firearms Instructor  
 Range Safety Officer  
 Membership Recruiter  
 Life Member

#### American Red Cross Credentials

Certified First Aid Responder  
 Certified CPR Responder  
 Certified AED Responder

#### Affiliations

National Rifle Association (NRA)  
 Rick's Firearm Academy of Detroit Alumni  
 Association of Urban Shooters  
 Midwest Instructors  
 Michigan Gun Owners  
 Black Gun Owners  
 OpenCarry.org

## Protect Yourself From Violent Crime Before You Become A Statistic!



"Detroit is the Murder Capital"  
 Source: FBI 2009 Violent Crime Statistics

"Detroit is the Most Violent City in America"  
 Source: Forbes Magazine – April 23, 2009

"We're getting four to six shooting a day."  
 DPD Chief Warren Evans – August 9, 2009

"It's (Detroit) the Wild Wild West out there."  
 DPD Chief Warren Evans – August 10, 2009

"As many as 20% of the violent crimes are not logged."  
 DPD Chief Warren Evans – July 6, 2009

"Detroit has the worst unemployment rate in the nation."  
 Source: Huffington Post – July 29, 2009