

# Poulsbo Sportsman Club

16990 Clear Creek Road - Poulsbo, WA

**Our Vision:** A Club for future generations

**Our Mission:** Provide our Members and the Community a safe and responsible place to practice shooting sports

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## Washington State Concealed Carry Laws

It's estimated that more than 16 million people (about 7% of the population over 21) have concealed carry permits, and this number continues to grow as numerous surveys indicate the public increasingly believes they are safer with a gun than without one. Almost 600,000 state residents have a concealed carry license. Each state sets their own rules for concealed carry and they may be quite different and sometimes confusing. Here's some hopefully useful information if you want to get your first concealed pistol license (CPL) or already have one and may be traveling this summer.

Washington has a "shall-issue" policy, meaning anyone over 21 who is legally entitled to own a firearm can apply for a CPL. Washington does not require any firearms training to receive a permit. Although open carry (when the pistol is visible) is legal, it is not common. A CPL is required if you plan on carrying a loaded pistol in a vehicle (not an airplane). You must have your CPL with you any time you are carrying concealed. Applications are made at the Sheriff's Department or the Police Department, depending on your address. A CPL costs \$36 and is valid for 5 years.

If you are traveling out of state, be sure to find out if the state(s) you are visiting honor the Washington CPL. Twenty five state have reciprocity agreements with us: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Wisconsin. There are numerous guides available on state laws regarding concealed carry and it's a good idea to be familiar with them before you enter another state.

Unfortunately, just because you have your CPL, it doesn't mean you can carry anywhere. These locations do NOT permit concealed (or open) carry: Any place where carrying is prohibited by federal law, public schools, correctional and law enforcement facilities, courthouses, mental health facilities, outdoor music festivals, family or childcare facilities that post "no firearms allowed". There are no legal penalties for entering a private property or business that has posted these signs; they have no force of law unless they are posted in areas that are mentioned previously as being off limits. If you are asked to leave a private property and you refuse you are breaking the law and can be charged.

The good news is that recent rulings allow concealed carry in state parks, state and national forests and state wildlife management areas. However, be aware that the National Park Service regulations are interesting: "Pets, **weapons other than firearms**, vehicles, bicycles and other wheeled devices are not permitted on park trails, meadows, beaches or in any undeveloped area of the park. **The use of firearms is prohibited in the national park.**"

You can take a gun, but you can't use it, and knives are prohibited unless they aren't considered a weapon. To add to the confusion, if you've been in the Park recently you may have noticed that the trail-heads are still signed "no firearms". There are also some restrictions on locations in the Park where concealed carry is prohibited – Visitor Centers for example.

If you decide to have dinner out after your hike, there are restrictions regarding concealed carry where alcohol is served – concealed carry is restricted to areas where people under 21 are permitted. Don't drink when you are carrying concealed.

In the unlikely event you are stopped by law enforcement, you are NOT required to inform the Officer that you are carrying concealed. Be aware that the Officer has your CPL status available and may ask if you are carrying a pistol.

Sources: [www.gunstocarry.com](http://www.gunstocarry.com); [www.uscca.com](http://www.uscca.com); [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov)

### **Vote NO on I-1639 on November 6**

AN ACT Relating to increasing public safety by implementing firearm safety measures, including requiring enhanced background checks, waiting periods, and increased age requirements for semiautomatic assault rifles and secure gun storage for all firearms; amending RCW 9.41.090, 9.41.092, 9.41.094, 9.41.097, 9.41.0975, 9.41.110, 9.41.113, 9.41.124, 9.41.240, 9.41.129, and 9.41.010; adding new sections to chapter 9.41 RCW; creating new sections; prescribing penalties; and providing effective dates.

There are three key provisions in the initiative: 1) raise the age to purchase semi-automatic assault weapons in the state to 21 from the current age of 18, 2) create enhanced background checks (federal and state, same as for pistol purchases) for those weapons, and 3) safe storage of guns. Gun owners can be charged with up to a felony offense if someone not allowed to have a gun gets a hold of their firearm because it wasn't safely stored.

Although the Initiative identifies semi-automatic "assault rifles" and AR-15, it is all too easy to extend this new requirement to all semi-automatic rifles and shotguns. Gun owners should also be concerned that no matter how they secure a firearm, if it's taken and used in a crime they could be convicted of a felony because they didn't have their gun secured well enough to prevent it from being taken. Safe storage is really a subjective issue here.

If you own a firearm, hunt, target shoot, or support the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment, you already know how bad it is and do not need to be convinced to vote no. However, you do need to become educated and help convince those around you, family, friends, and co-workers to vote No on I-1639. A good place to start that education is here: <https://saveoursecurity.net/>. Like any political issue, follow the money to see who is providing financial support. In this case you will find familiar names like Allen, Hanauer, Balmer, Gates, and other liberal elite billionaire donors providing the funding. Do you really trust them with looking out for your interests?

Officially the Poulsbo Sportsman Club is against I-1639 and encourages all members of voting age to vote on November 6, 2018 and to vote No on I-1639.

### **NRA Range Development and Operations Conference**

Are you interested in being more involved in Range Operations? The Board is looking for one member interested in joining Doug O'Connor at the 2018 conference in Denver October 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. All expenses will be reimbursed. Some of the topics include: Business planning, EPA lead standards, Grants, Construction, Sound abatement, Master planning, Maintenance and Safety. The attendee will be expected to provide the Board and the Club the benefit of the knowledge gained – for example, a proposal for a grant or ideas for new range construction. Interested members should contact Mike Snyder by September 15<sup>th</sup>. If more than one member responds, the Board will select the attendee. More information is available at [range@nrahq.org](mailto:range@nrahq.org).