Defending Your Right to Defend Yourself

Open carry is legal in Virginia in most places with or without a Concealed Handgun Permit (CHP).

Concealed carry requires, with a few exceptions, a CHP.

However, some restrictions may apply. See reverse.

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Places where carry is prohibited in Virginia

CC=concealed carry / OC=open carry / TV=Trespass Violation

- Federal facilities (buildings) (18 USC 930)
- Many federal agency lands (various federal regulations)
- National Forests: OC prohibited except where hunting is allowed (4VAC15-40-60)
- Virginia Executive Branch offices: CC (policy), CC (1VAC30-105)
  - Trespass charge if activity continues
- General Assembly Buildings (Joint Rules Committee rule)
  - In some localities, carry is prohibited in certain local government properties (see link at bottom) ([§15.2-915.E])
  - Land owned or managed by the Dept of Game & Inland Fisheries: OC prohibited except where hunting is allowed (4VAC15-40-60)
- Buggs Island (4VAC15-40-140)
- Hog Island Wildlife Management Area (4VAC15-40-120)
- Most public colleges and universities (TV, see link at bottom)
- Courthouses ([§18.2-283.1])
- Detention Facilities ([§15.2-915])
- K-12 school grounds, child day center property, and preschool grounds (CHP holders exempted for CC while in a vehicle ONLY) ([§18.2-308.1]) (see link at bottom)
- K-12 school buses ([§18.2-308.1])
- Property used exclusively for K-12 school-sponsored functions ([§18.2-308.1])
- Air carrier airport terminal buildings ([§18.2-287.01])
- Places of worship while a meeting for religious purposes is being held without “good and sufficient reason” ([§18.2-283])
- Restaurants & clubs: CC prohibited while consuming alcoholic beverages ([§18.2-308.012.B])
- Private property when prohibited by owner ([§18.2-308.01.C & TV])

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