

WASHINGTON, D.C.

GUN LAWS & RECIPROCITY — QUICK REFERENCE

RESTRICTIVE

PERMITLESS CARRY

No — permit required

RESIDENT PERMIT

Concealed Carry Pistol License (CCPL), issued by
MPD Chief — issued at 21+

OUT-OF-STATE PERMITS

Honors NO out-of-state permits

DUTY TO INFORM POLICE

Yes



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KEY RESTRICTIONS & RULES

- Pistol carried must be registered with MPD (registration required for all firearms)
- Duty to inform police when carrying
- 10-round magazine limit: IN FORCE — the March 2026 panel ruling striking it down (Benson v. U.S.) was vacated when the full D.C. Court of Appeals granted en banc rehearing on April 22, 2026, reinstating the limit pend...
- Extensive sensitive places: schools, National Mall/memorials, White House area, government buildings; open carry illegal

⚠ **WATCH: MONITOR:** Benson v. U.S. en banc rehearing pending at the D.C. Court of Appeals (granted 4/22/2026, panel ruling vacated) — the 10-round magazine limit is enforceable now but could fall when the full court rules