

Pennsylvania Gun Laws

The regulation of firearms is in part based on federal law, but there is also a lot left to the individual states. Pennsylvania has a bit of a mixed record when it comes to our state firearms laws. Although we have a strong state background check system to accompany the federal system, we also have failed to enact many commonsense laws and policies that help regulate access to firearms and that keep communities safer.



No waiting period to purchase firearms



No training required before purchasing a firearm



No background required before purchasing a long gun during a private sale



No restrictions on purchasing ammunition



No laws requiring someone to report a lost or stolen firearm

Pennsylvania **DOES**:

- Require a background check for the sale of all handguns
- Have a statewide background check system that works in conjunction with the national background check system and includes Protection From Abuse orders (PFA) and juvenile records
- Prohibits straw purchases, a common source of illegally trafficked firearms