

Acquiring and Possessing Firearms

Both Federal and State laws regulate the acquisition and possession of firearms in Iowa.

Federal Regulations state that you may not acquire or possess a firearm if you:

- Are under indictment for or have been convicted of a felony.
- Are a fugitive from justice.
- Are an unlawful user of or are addicted to any controlled substance.
- Have been adjudicated as a mental defective or have been committed to a mental institution.
- Are an illegal alien.
- Have been discharged from the Armed Forces under dishonorable conditions.
- Have denounced your US citizenship.
- Are subject to a court order that restrains you from harassing, stalking, or threatening your intimate partner, your child, or the child of your intimate partner.
- Have been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence.

Iowa Regulation contain additional minimum requirements for permits to carry and permits to acquire:

- Are under the age of 18 for permits to carry or under the age of 21 for permit to acquire.
- Are addicted to the use of alcohol or any controlled substance.
- Have a history or repeated acts of violence.
- Constitute a danger to any person as determined by the issuing officer
- Have ever been convicted of any of the following:
 - domestic abuse,
 - hate crime,
 - assault on a peace officer, jailer, correctional staff member, fire fighter or health care provider,
 - setting a spring gun or trap,
 - hazing,
 - stalking