

## **PROHIBITED PLACES**

EVEN IF YOU HAVE A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT

1. **Places of Worship.** It is a class 4 misdemeanor to carry any dangerous weapon into a place of worship, without good cause, while a religious meeting is under way, see Va. Code [18.2-283](#)
2. **Courthouse.** It is a class 1 misdemeanor to carry weapons or ammunition into a courthouse. Firearm frames, receivers and silencers are also prohibited see Va. Code [18.2-283.1](#).
3. **Schools.** It is a class 6 Felony to have a firearm on any public, private or parochial elementary, middle or high school, or its grounds or school bus, or site of any school event unless it is either part of an activity sanctioned by the school or if it is unloaded and properly carried in a motor vehicle **As of July 1, 2005** a concealed handgun permit holder **can** have a loaded, concealed handgun in the vehicle while in the school parking lot, traffic circle, etc. The concealed handgun and the permit holder must stay in the vehicle. Firearms are not banned from property open to the public where a school function is being held unless that property is being used exclusively for the school function. Va. [18.2-308.1](#)
4. **Where alcohol is served.** Concealed-carry permittees are prohibited from carrying a concealed firearm into any place or event where alcohol beverages are served or sold, with an exception for the boss and employees; see Va. Code [18.2-308](#).
5. **Private property.** Concealed carry permittees are prohibited from carrying where forbidden by private property owners, see Va. Code [18.2-308](#).
6. **Federal facilities.** Guns are generally prohibited in federal facilities. Knowingly having a gun or other dangerous weapon (except a pocket knife with a blade under 2-1/2 inches) in a federal facility is punishable by a fine and up to one year imprisonment. You can not be convicted of this offense unless notice of the law is posted at each public entrance or if you have actual notice of the law (Which, it could be argued, you now do). A federal facility is a building (or part), federally leased or owned, where federal employees regularly work.
7. **Airports.** Firearms possession is prohibited by federal law on the gate side of airport-passenger security checkpoints. You are allowed to check firearms as baggage if you do in accordance with federal rules. Always contact and notify the Airlines and the TSA. (Do not carry a firearm at Regan National or Dulles Airport you will be arrested and charged).
8. **Military bases.** Possession of a firearm on a military base is subject to control of the commanding officer.

### **WARNING**

This list is not a substitute for the law; you are fully accountable under the exact wording and current interpretation of all applicable laws and regulations when you deal with firearms under any circumstance.

**Firearms Laws are subject to change without Notice.** You are strongly urged to consult with a qualified attorney and local authorities to determine the current status and applicability of the law to specific situations which you may encounter.