LICENSE TO CARRY

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CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY MISSOURI

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 Some do not see the advantage in getting a License to Carry when Missouri allows concealed carry without a license. Even to the point of accusing License to Carry instructors of being a “rip off.” There are certain advantages that should be considered.

 Federal law prohibits carrying a firearm of any kind through a school zone unless the person has a license issued by the state the school is in. It is not possible to go through an urban area without going through a school zone. Persons carrying under the permitless law also called constitutional carry are violating federal law on a daily basis. This law has not been enforced in over twenty-five years but we have a new administration which has promised to give us trouble. It would be a shame to be the first.

 A person cannot carry concealed in another state unless that state recognizes Missouri’s License to Carry. If a person does not have a license it is not legal to carry in the thirty-six states which recognize Missouri’s license. The only exception would be states which have no law against carrying concealed weapons. Consult [www.HandgunLaw.us](http://www.HandgunLaw.us) for the laws of other states and the thirty-six states which recognize Missouri’s license. At this writing all states bordering Missouri, except for Illinois, recognize Missouri’s license.

 Some cities ban the open carry of firearms unless one has a license to carry concealed. This bears repeating. In such cities one must have a license to carry concealed in order to carry openly. It doesn’t have to make sense, it’s just the law. I know of no list of such cities.

 Possession of a License to Carry tells law enforcement that the owner is a certified “good guy.” Statistically this population is arrested at a rate less than police officers. Criminals tend to avoid gun owners. The legal system tends to avoid certified good guys.

 A License to Carry requires a class on firearms safety and the law. These classes may dispel some of the urban myths that have grown up around the law of self-defense. This tends to keep people out of trouble. See [www.WMSA.net](http://www.WMSA.net) for their “Stay Out of Jail Card.”