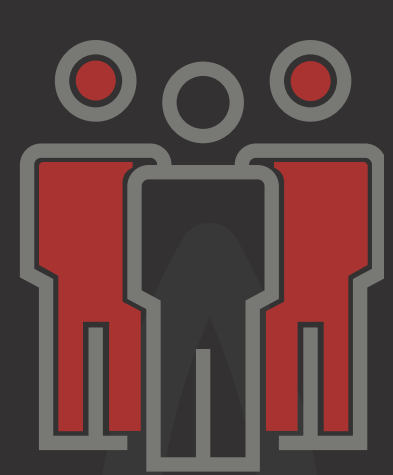




# CONCEALED CARRY IN AMERICA

## QUICK FACTS



**2 IN 3**

gun owners say protection is their main reason for owning a gun



**16.3 MILLION**

concealed carry permit-holders



**36%**

of permit holders in 2016 were women

## OPEN vs. CONCEALED

Many states allow for open carry and concealed carry, but many have stipulations where these modes of carry are legal.\*

OPEN CARRY



CONCEALED CARRY



## OPEN CARRY PERMIT OR NO PERMIT

Most states allow open carry or open carry with a permit.\*

### OPEN CARRY - NO PERMIT

|             |                |
|-------------|----------------|
| ALABAMA     | NEVADA         |
| ALASKA      | NEW HAMPSHIRE  |
| ARIZONA     | NEW MEXICO     |
| ARKANSAS    | NORTH CAROLINA |
| COLORADO    | OHIO           |
| IDAHO       | OREGON         |
| KANSAS      | PENNSYLVANIA   |
| KENTUCKY    | SOUTH DAKOTA   |
| LOUISIANA   | VERMONT        |
| MAINE       | VIRGINIA       |
| MICHIGAN    | WASHINGTON     |
| MISSISSIPPI | WEST VIRGINIA  |
| MISSOURI    | WISCONSIN      |
| MONTANA     | WYOMING        |
| NEBRASKA    |                |

### OPEN CARRY - WITH PERMIT

|               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| CONNECTICUT   | NEW JERSEY   |
| GEORGIA       | NORTH DAKOTA |
| INDIANA       | OKLAHOMA     |
| IOWA          | RHODE ISLAND |
| MARYLAND      | TENNESSEE    |
| MASSACHUSETTS | TEXAS        |
| MINNESOTA     | UTAH         |

### NO OPEN CARRY

|            |                      |
|------------|----------------------|
| CALIFORNIA | NEW YORK             |
| FLORIDA    | SOUTH CAROLINA       |
| ILLINOIS   | DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA |

Reference your state's laws for the most up-to-date information.

## SHALL vs. MAY

A primary distinction among state concealed carry stances lies in how permits are issued. Most states fall under "may issue" or "shall issue," but more states are forgoing the process altogether.\*

### SHALL ISSUE

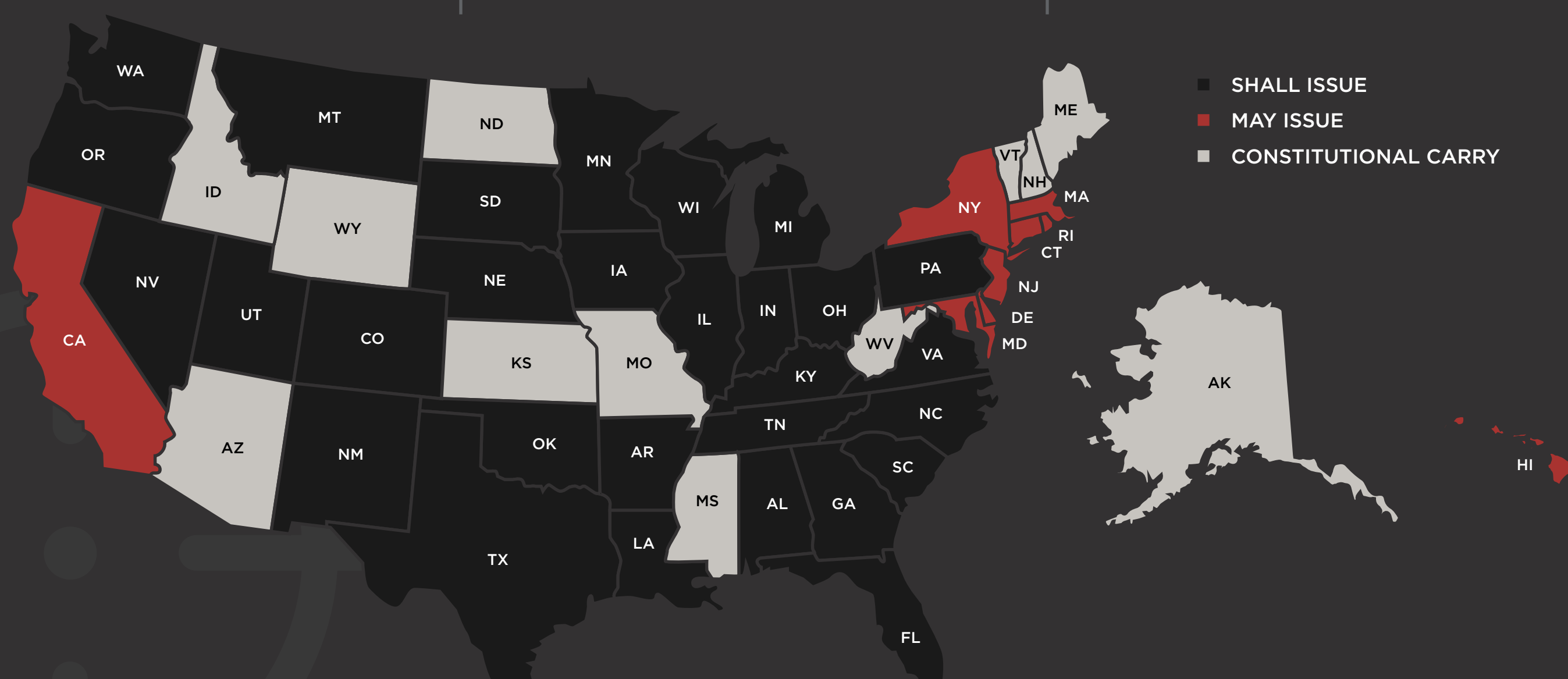
State issues permit if person meets background requirements

### MAY ISSUE

State can choose to NOT issue permit even if person meets requirements

### CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY

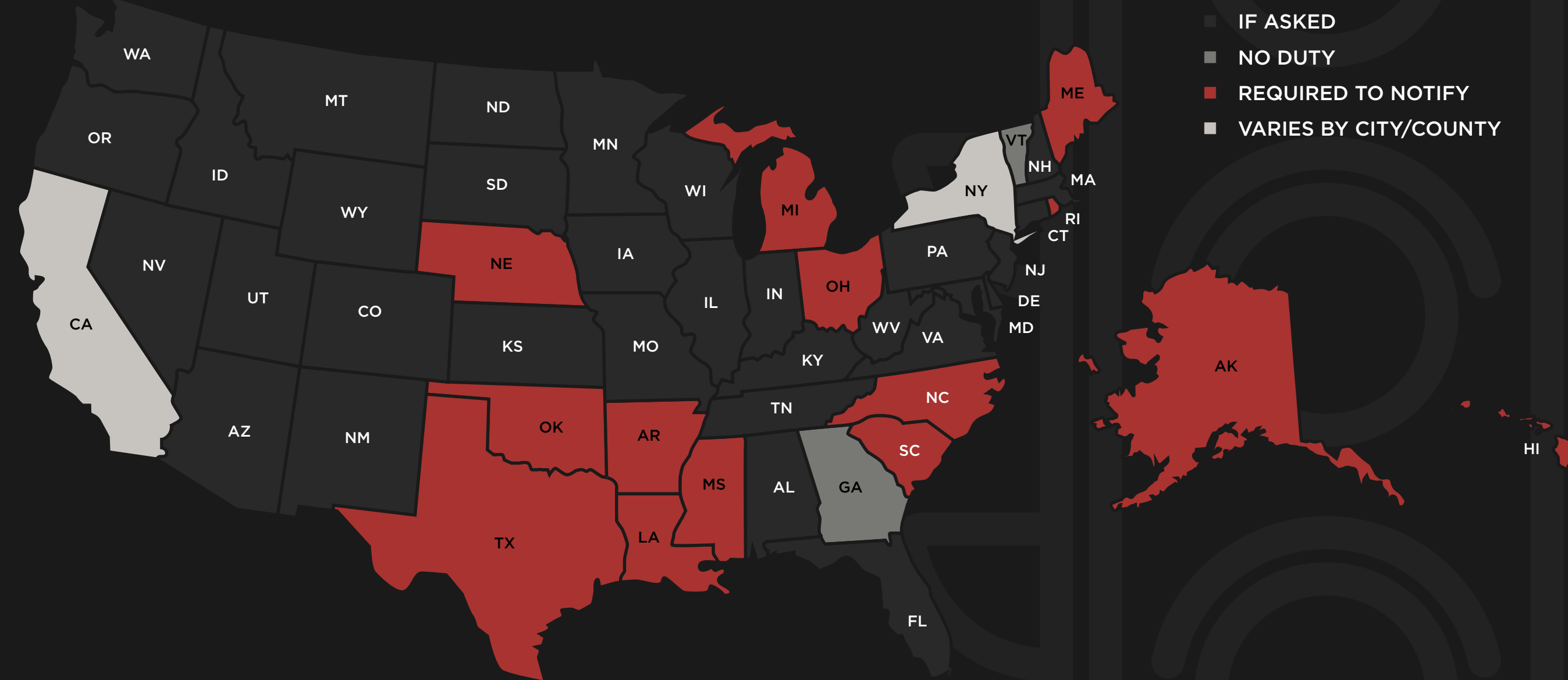
No permit required to conceal carry if firearm is purchased legally



Reference NRAILA.org and your state's laws for the most up-to-date information.

## NOTIFICATION IN TRAFFIC STOP

Your rights to notify law enforcement of a permit or gun in a traffic stop varies by state.\*



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\*State laws change frequently. Consult YOUR state's laws for before buying or transporting a firearm, or attempting to open or concealed carry a firearm. The information in this infographic is for general information purposes only and should not be relied upon as legal advice. Data is accurate as of July 2017.

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