



**STATE OF ARIZONA
DEPARTMENT OF LIQUOR LICENSES AND CONTROL**

Frequently Asked Questions
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A.R.S. 4-229 Licenses; handguns; posting of notice

The Department of Liquor Licenses and Control (DLLC) is not authorized to offer legal advice, therefore statutory and rules references are provided to assist with questions. Please contact your legal counsel if you require additional information.

When does the law take effect?

Senate Bill 1113 was signed on July 1, 2009 and will become law on September 29, 2009. A.R.S. §4-229 provides for the possession of concealed firearms on on-sale liquor-licensed premises. The link to this bill is: <http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/49leg/1r/bills/sb1113s.pdf>.

What if I don't want weapons on my premises?

A licensee who wants to prohibit the possession of firearms on his/her licensed premises may exercise that right by posting a sign which complies with standards provided in Title 4. Title 4 governs Arizona liquor law.

A.R.S. §4-229(D)(1)) and A.R.S. §4-244(29) provide for concealed weapons on the licensed premises in emergency situations. In addition, A.R.S. §4-229(29) provides for peace officers and members of a sheriff's volunteer posse, while on duty, permission to possess firearms.

Where can I get a "NO FIREARMS ALLOWED" sign?

The Department of Liquor Licenses and Control (DLLC) will provide laminated signs for licensees to post at their liquor-licensed business which can be picked up by visiting our offices. Please see <http://www.azliquor.gov/hours.html> for office hours and location.

Signs distributed by DLLC will have the director's signature and a DLLC watermark in the lower, right-hand corner.

Printable version of the "NO FIREARMS ALLOWED" signs can be found on the DLLC website homepage at <http://www.azliquor.gov/>. To comply with A.R.S. §4-229(C), posted signs must be on white, laminated, 110 pound index paper.

May I create my own "NO FIREARMS ALLOWED" sign?

Yes, however the sign must strictly comply with A.R.S. §4-229(C) or the validity of the sign may be challenged. See specifications below:

The signs must meet the following standards to comply with A.R.S. §4-229(A) and(C)(posting of notice):

- Contain a picture that shows a firearm within a red circle and a diagonal red line across the firearm.
- The signs required by this section shall be composed of block, capital letters printed in black on white laminated paper at a minimum weight of one hundred ten pound index. The lettering and pictogram shall consume a space at least six inches by nine inches and contain the words, "NO FIREARMS ALLOWED PURSUANT TO A.R.S. SECTION 2 4-229". The letters comprising the words "NO FIREARMS ALLOWED" shall be at least three-fourths of a vertical inch and all other letters shall be at least one-half of a vertical inch.
- Picture and text must fill a space which is a minimum of 6 x 9 inches.
- The sign must be on white, laminated, 110 pound index paper.

Where must the "NO FIREARMS ALLOWED" sign be posted?

The sign which complies with Title 4 (please see details above in the section titled *May I create my own "NO FIREARMS ALLOWED" sign?*) must be posted in a conspicuous location accessible to the general public and immediately adjacent to the liquor license posted on the licensed premises. Any additional "NO FIREARMS ALLOWED" signs you choose to display must be posted in a conspicuous location accessible to the general public. More than one sign may be posted on each licensed premises, but they must be posted at the primary business entrance(s) subject to local sign ordinances.

At a later time, may I decide to prohibit guns in my establishment and, at that time, post a "NO FIREARMS ALLOWED" sign?

Yes, you may post the sign at any time.

Can any concealed firearm owner carry his/her gun into an establishment that does not post a sign?

A.R.S. §4-229(A) references A.R.S. §13-3112 and A.R.S. §13-3102(D) which provide criteria for concealed firearm carriers. Those who qualify to carry concealed firearms under those laws may carry them into establishments that are licensed to sell liquor, unless the licensee posts a sign that clearly prohibits the possession of firearms.

Can a gun owner consume alcohol-beverages while in possession of a firearm?

No (A.R.S. §4-229(31)).