



**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 did the law take effect?**

Senate Bill 1113 was signed on July 1, 2009 and became law on September 29, 2009. A.R.S. §4-229 provides for the possession of concealed firearms on on-sale liquor-licensed premises. Follow this link for the official reference to [A.R.S. §4-229](#).

**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(F) does not prohibit a person who possesses a handgun from entering the licensed premises for a limited time in an emergency situation. In addition, A.R.S. §4-244(29) authorizes peace officers and members of a sheriff's volunteer posse while on duty to be in possession of a firearm while on the licensed premises.

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

DLLC will provide laminated signs for licensees to post at their liquor-licensed business. The signs can be picked up by visiting our offices at 800 W. Washington, 5th Floor, in Phoenix. Regular office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with the exception of state and federal holidays.

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

A printable version of the "NO FIREARMS ALLOWED" sign can be found on the DLLC website. Follow this link for the sign in English: [NO FIREARMS ALLOWED](#). Follow this link for the sign in Spanish: [NO SE PERMITE ARMAS](#). To comply with A.R.S. §4-229(E), posted signs must be on white laminated paper at a minimum weight of 110 pound index.

**May I create my own “NO FIREARMS ALLOWED” sign?**

Yes, however, the sign must strictly comply with A.R.S. §4-229 or the validity of the sign may be challenged.

The sign must meet the following specifications to be in compliance with A.R.S. §4-229:

- Contain a pictogram that shows a firearm within a red circle and a diagonal red line across the firearm.
- Contain the words, "NO FIREARMS ALLOWED PURSUANT TO A.R.S. SECTION 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.
- 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 must fill a space of at least six inches by nine inches.

**Where must the “NO FIREARMS ALLOWED” sign be posted?**

The 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 handgun owner carry his/her gun into an establishment that does not post a sign?**

A person may carry a concealed handgun on the premises of a licensee who is an on-sale retailer unless the licensee posts a sign that clearly prohibits the possession of weapons on the licensed premises.

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

No (A.R.S. §4-244(31)).