

Firearms FAQ

Who do I contact at Methuen Police about information regarding a license to carry or FID card?

Contact Officer Anthony Simone at 978-983-8675. Licenses and FID cards are issued by appointment only.

How old must I be to obtain a LTC?

You must be 21 years of age.

Do I need an FID card to carry mace?

Yes. Provided the sole purpose of purchasing or possessing chemical mace, pepper spray or other similarly propelled liquid, gas or powder designed to temporarily incapacitate. Such card shall clearly state that such card is valid for such limited purpose only.

Do I have to take a firearms safety course to carry mace?

No.

What's the age limit to obtain an FID card?

Fifteen years old. Ages 15, 16 or 17 you must submit with your application a certificate from your parent or guardian granting permission for the card.

How long is a LTC or FID Card good for?

Four years.

Do I have to notify the police of a change of address?

Yes. You must notify, in writing, the licensing authority who issued the license, the chief of police into whose jurisdiction you move to and the Executive Director of the Criminal History Systems Board. Notification must be by certified mail within 30 days.

I just moved into Massachusetts. Do I need a license right away?

Not right away. You can possess any firearm, rifle or shotgun for up to 60 days without a LTC or FID card. You cannot lawfully carry these items, you can only possess them.

What can I carry with a LTC?

A LTC allows you to purchase, possess, use and carry large and non-

large capacity firearms, rifles, shotguns, feeding devices and ammunition. This includes chemical sprays.

If I'm out in public carrying a concealed firearm, I legally possess a LTC, and a police officer requests to see my LTC, do I have to produce it?

Yes. This is true for both LTC and FID cards. You must produce a valid license on demand. If you do not, the police can take your firearm until you produce such license. However, any inappropriate act while carrying a firearm may result in the immediate revocation of the license.

I have a valid Class B LTC, can I carry a loaded firearm in my vehicle?

No. The weapon must be unloaded and contained within the locked trunk or in a locked case. This carries a \$500 fine if violated.

I have a valid Class A LTC, are there any restrictions on carrying a loaded firearm in a vehicle?

Carrying a loaded firearm under a Class A license must be under your direct control. It cannot be under the seat, in the trunk, etc. This carries a \$500 fine if violated.

Where can I obtain the proper application form for new or renewal FID Card or License To Carry?

The forms can be obtained at the police station. Or you can download the proper forms off the internet. Print the form, fill out ALL necessary information and bring it to the police station.