



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING

**NOTICE**  
**CONCEALED PISTOL LICENSE APPLICANTS**

Changes to 18 U.S.C. 922(g)(9) became effective September 30, 1996. This section of federal law makes it unlawful for any person to possess a firearm who has been convicted in any court of domestic violence assault (felony or misdemeanor), regardless of the date of conviction, unless specific firearm rights have been restored.

NOTE: A person shall not be considered to have been convicted of such an offense if the conviction has been expunged or set aside, or is an offense for which the person has been pardoned or has had his firearms rights restored. This change to federal law differs from Washington State law in that it applies to domestic violence convictions that occurred prior to 07-01-93, whereas Washington State law only applies to those convictions after 07-01-93. Therefore, convictions for domestic violence assault may be prohibitive.

If you have ever been convicted of domestic violence assault and have not had your firearm rights restored, you may be prohibited from firearms possession, even if you are issued a concealed pistol license.

- Caution: Although state and local laws do not differ, federal law and state law on the possession of firearms may differ. If you are prohibited by federal law from possession of firearms, you may be prosecuted in federal court. A state license is not a defense to a federal prosecution.

If you are in doubt as to your eligibility to possess firearms, we encourage you to seek legal counsel prior to submitting an application for a concealed pistol license.

*I have read and fully understand the foregoing statement.*

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_