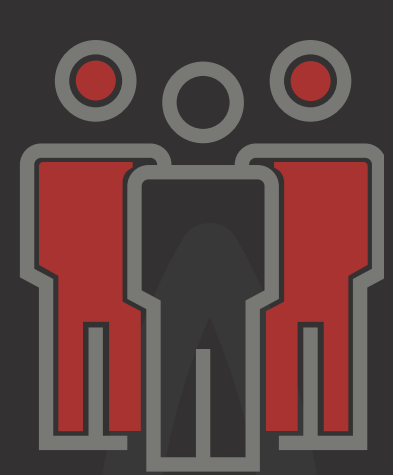




# CONCEALED CARRY IN AMERICA

## 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

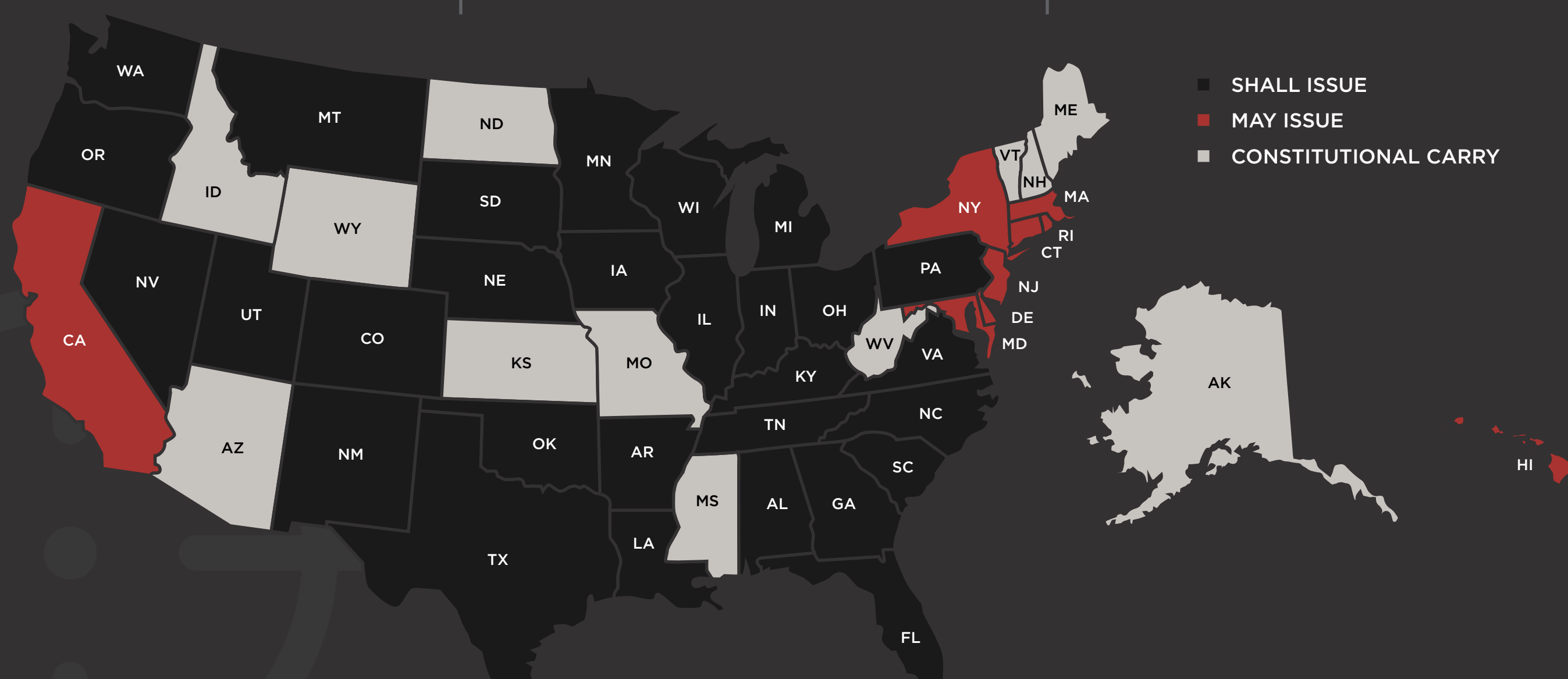
State issues permit if person meets background requirements

### MAY ISSUE

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

### CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY

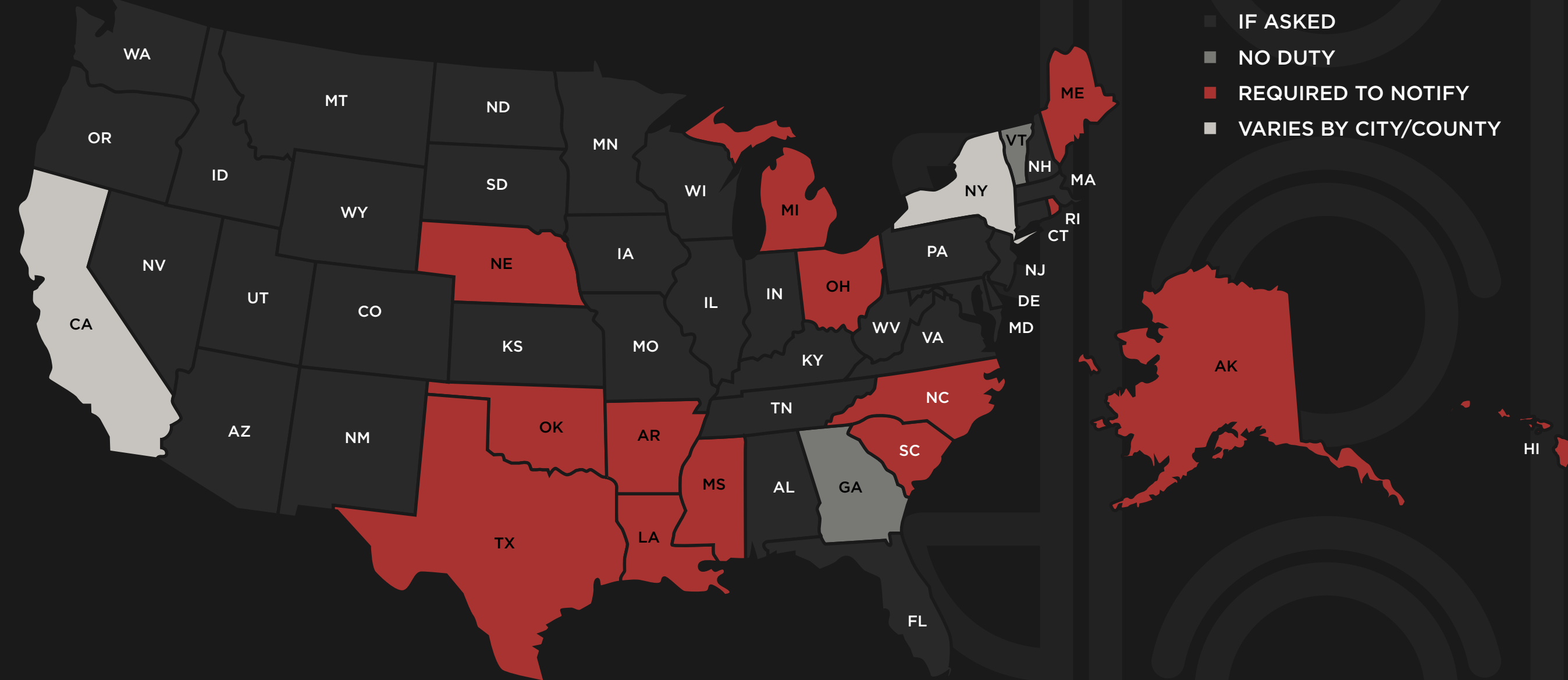
No permit required to conceal carry if firearm is purchased legally



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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