

Gun Show Guidelines

This notice applies to activities permitted at bona fide gun shows, as defined in Title 27 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 478.100. Federal firearms licensees (“FFLs” or “Dealers”) may only sell firearms at gun shows within the State in which their licensed premises is located.

Dealers Licensed In This State

Must display license.

Must comply with all recordkeeping requirements of ATF regulations concerning acquisitions and dispositions of firearms, including the recording of the place of sale.

May dispose of handguns to residents of the State only, provided that the purchaser is at least 21 years of age and all provisions of the Brady Law are met.

May dispose of long guns to residents of any State, provided that the purchaser is at least 18 years of age, the laws of both States are complied with, and all provisions of the Brady Law are met.

May dispose of firearms to any FFL.

May acquire firearms from any FFL licensed in the State and from any non-licensed individual.

May take orders of any firearm from a non-licensee and ship the same to a licensee in the purchaser’s State of residence from whom the purchaser can then take possession after the provisions of the Brady Law are met.

Dealers Not Licensed In This State

Must display license.

Must comply with all ATF recordkeeping requirements concerning the acquisition of firearms.

May acquire firearms from any FFL licensed in this State and from any non-licensed individual.

May make a sale and deliver curio or relic firearms to any other FFL licensed in any State as long as there is compliance with the laws of both States.

May ship curio or relic firearms from this show to any other FFL.

May display and take orders.

Non-Licensed Residents of This State

May acquire long guns or handguns from FFLs licensed in this State, provided all provisions of the Brady Law are met.

May dispose of personal firearms to any FFL.

May acquire from and dispose of personal firearms to non-licensed residents of the State. However, non-licensed individuals may not be engaged in the business of dealing in firearms without a Federal firearms license.

Cannot acquire from or dispose of firearms to non-licensed residents of any other State.

Cannot ship in interstate commerce, except to themselves or an FFL, a firearm that has otherwise been lawfully acquired; must, when shipping to themselves, declare the firearm to the commercial or contract carrier.

Non-Licensed Residents From Another State

May dispose of firearms to any FFL.

May acquire long guns only from FFLs licensed in the State, provided the laws of both States are complied with and all provisions of the Brady Law are met.

May order firearms from any FFL and have them shipped from the show to an FFL in their State of residence by a commercial or contract carrier in accordance with State and Federal law.

Cannot acquire handguns.

Cannot acquire from or dispose of firearms to non-licensed individuals.

How To Contact Us

If you have any questions relating to your Gun Show responsibilities, please contact:

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,
Firearms and Explosives
Firearms Industry Programs Branch
99 New York Avenue, NE.
Washington, DC 20226
Telephone: (202) 648-7190
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Hours of Operation: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.,
Monday through Friday (Eastern Time)

To report suspected illegal firearms activities,
please call 1-800-ATF-GUNS (1-800-283-4867).

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Important Notice to Dealers and Other Participants at This Gun Show

