

Going Hunting?



Obtaining a Hunting or Sporting License

As of January 1, 2007 in order to purchase a Massachusetts hunting or sporting license, you must show one of the following:

- A previous year's hunting or sporting license (from Massachusetts, or any other state, or a province of Canada or Mexico); or
- A hunter education course certificate (from Massachusetts, from any other state or province).
- As of January 1, 2012 all hunting, sporting, stamps and fishing licenses are ONLY available online, at the DFW offices, select Town Clerks, Walmarts and Dick's stores. Please visit the MassWildlife website for licensing vendors near you!

Other Notes on Licenses

- If you are a "resident alien," you must show a resident alien FID card to purchase a license unless limiting your license to bow hunting only.
- If you are a minor, aged 15 to 17, you must provide written consent of your parent or guardian and attest that:
- At all times you will be accompanied by an adult while hunting or target shooting, or
- Provide a certificate of competency in Hunter Education.

Where do I take Hunter Education Courses?

Massachusetts has a network of Hunter Education instructors, offering courses all around the state. Courses are held primarily during the early fall and late winter. For information on courses in your area, contact the Hunter Education Program at 978-772-0693

Special Warnings for Hunters

A conviction of a violation of any game law involving the use of a gun, if it carries a potential jail sentence, will result in permanent loss of a License to Carry Firearms or loss of a Firearms Identification Card for five years!

As always, Massachusetts laws are subject to change. This information provided as a public service by Gun Owners' Action League, PO Box 567, Northboro, MA 01532. (508) 393-5333. 05/12