



What **Federally Mandated Concealed Carry Reciprocity** would mean for **Wisconsin**

Lawmakers on Capitol Hill are debating a bill that would force each state to recognize the concealed carry laws of every other state.

Currently, states have the right to choose which states' concealed carry permits they recognize, which is important because the requirements to carry hidden, loaded guns in public vary drastically from state to state. If the concealed carry reciprocity bill passes, that will no longer be the case, and **Wisconsin will be forced to allow unlicensed, unvetted people from out of state to carry guns in public places.**

As of today, 12 states do **not** require any permit or training to carry hidden, loaded guns in public. If this bill becomes federal law, almost any person from these states would be **automatically authorized** to carry concealed in Wisconsin, regardless of whether that person meets Wisconsin's standards for what it takes to carry a concealed gun in public, such as having passed a background check.

Current Wisconsin law does not allow people without concealed carry permits to carry in Wisconsin. If the concealed carry reciprocity bill passes, Wisconsin would be federally mandated to honor the weak or nonexistent concealed carry standards of other states, **making Wisconsin less safe and putting law enforcement at risk.**

REQUIREMENTS TO CARRY CONCEALED IN...

	WISCONSIN	FLORIDA
Must be a resident of the state?	✓ The state of Wisconsin only issues concealed carry permits to Wisconsin residents.	✗ The state of Florida issues concealed carry permits to residents of any state.
Must obtain a permit from law enforcement?	✓ Permits must be issued by the Wisconsin Department of Justice.	✗ Permits are issued by the state Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
Must pass a background check?	✓ Conducts a background check through the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) for mental health and other records, and a fingerprint-based criminal history check.	✗ Conducts a fingerprint-based criminal history check, but not a background check through the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) for nationwide mental health records.

FACTS ABOUT GUN VIOLENCE IN WISCONSIN

In Wisconsin, a person is killed with a gun **every 18 hours.**

A 2016 poll found that **85% of Wisconsin voters support requiring background checks** for all gun sales.

Since 1999, guns have killed more kids in Wisconsin than drownings, fires, and falls combined.