

Open Carry Is Legal In Alabama

1. The state legislature cannot inhibit open carry. (State v. Reid, June 1840, ALSC).
2. There is no law making open carry illegal in the Criminal Code Title 13A.
3. Exercising the right to bear arms openly does not fit the criteria for disorderly conduct (13A-11-7).
4. 13A-11-55 specifies that the only illegal carry of a firearm on premises not your own is concealed carry (without a permit).

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“That every citizen has a right to bear arms in defense of himself and the state.” Alabama State Constitution, Article 1, Section 26

“Under the provision of our constitution, we incline to the opinion that the Legislature cannot inhibit the citizen from bearing arms openly, because it authorizes him to bear them for the purposes of defending himself and the State, and it is only when carried openly, that they can be efficiently used for defense.” State v. Reid, June 1840, Alabama Supreme Court

“Thus, a permit is not required when a person afoot carries an unconcealed pistol.” Looney v. State, May 1962, Alabama Court of Appeals

1. A person afoot carrying an unconcealed pistol needs no license or permit.
2. A license is required to carry a pistol in a vehicle.
3. A license is required to carry a concealed pistol on or about the person.
4. It is an offense for a person who has no license therefore (except on his land, abode or place of business), a) to carry a pistol in any vehicle; or b) to carry a pistol concealed on or about his person.” Alabama Attorney General Opinion 84-00205, March 1984