**New Jersey**

**General Summary:**

No one, with a few exceptions, may carry or possess a handgun open or concealed without a permit. It is also illegal to posses a loaded long gun unless permitted by law e.g. hunting. Issuance of the permit is almost completely discretionary, and New Jersey courts have upheld the policy of strictly limiting permits “to persons specifically employed in security work…and to others who can establish an urgent necessity for carrying guns for self-protection.”

**Open Carry:**

No.

**Concealed Carry:**

Yes, with permit (see above).

**Reciprocity:**

None.

**Transporting in Vehicle:**

Handgun / Long Gun: It is illegal to have a loaded firearm in a vehicle without a permit. Firearms shall be carried unloaded and contained in a closed and fastened case, gunbox, securely tied package, or locked in the trunk of the automobile in which it is being transported, and in the course of travel, shall include only such deviations as are reasonably necessary under the circumstances. The firearm should not be directly accessible from the passenger compartment of the vehicle. If the vehicle does not have a compartment separate from the passenger compartment, the firearm and ammunition must be in a locked container other than the vehicle's glove compartment or console.

**Relevant NJ Weapons Statutes:**

Title 13:54-2.2

Title 2C:39-5

Title 2C:39-6g

**Links:**

Link to state statutes: [www.state.nj.us/njsp/info/pdf/firearms/062408\_title13ch54.pdf](http://www.state.nj.us/njsp/info/pdf/firearms/062408_title13ch54.pdf)

Link to NJSP transportation of weapons: [www.state.nj.us/njsp/about/fire\_trans.html](http://www.state.nj.us/njsp/about/fire_trans.html)

**Picture of Permit:**

None Available.