



PROTECTING COMMUNITIES &

PREVENTING GUN VIOLENCE



Enforcing Federal and State Gun Laws

Colorado Democrats passed legislation to give the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) the tools needed to investigate illegal activity involving firearms ([SB24-003](#)). Those who hold a federal firearms dealer license will also be required to acquire a new state permit, providing the state a new regulatory framework that will crack down on illegal firearm sales and reduce gun violence ([HB24-1353](#)).

Creating Merchant Codes for Businesses That Sell Firearms

New legislation requires payment card networks like Visa or Mastercard to provide a specific code, known as a merchant code, for businesses that primarily sell firearms and ammunition. Merchant codes allow banks and credit card companies to recognize dangerous firearm purchasing patterns – like a domestic extremist building up an arsenal – and report them to law enforcement ([SB24-066](#)).

Promoting Responsible Firearm Ownership

Democrats passed legislation to require people seeking a concealed carry permit to attend an in-person handgun training class on safe handling and storage of firearms and ammunition. The bill also requires people renewing a concealed carry permit to take a refresher class ([HB24-1174](#)). Colorado Democrats also passed legislation that requires firearms in unattended vehicles to be stored in a locked container in a locked vehicle, or in a locked trunk of the vehicle. ([HB24-1348](#)).

Protecting Coloradans by Prohibiting Firearms in Sensitive Spaces

This new law ([SB24-131](#)) protects communities from gun violence and creates safer public spaces by prohibiting the carrying of firearms in certain locations, especially where children and families may be present. Specifically, the new law prohibits carrying a firearm - openly or concealed - in government buildings, courthouses, preschools, K-12 schools, colleges, and polling locations.

Firearms and Ammunitions Excise Tax

Democrats referred a measure to the ballot that would fund the Colorado Crime Victims Services, School Security Disbursement Program, and behavioral health crisis response system services by creating an excise tax on the firearm industry ([HB24-1349](#)).