

Minimum Age for Gun Sales and Transfers*



Unlicensed Persons:

- Handguns: Under federal law, unlicensed persons may not sell, deliver or otherwise transfer a handgun or handgun ammunition to any person the transferor knows or has reasonable cause to believe is under age 18, except under certain exceptions.**
- Long Guns (Rifles/ Shotguns): There are no federal laws preventing unlicensed persons from selling, delivering, or otherwise transferring a long gun or long gun ammunition to a person of any age.

* Source: 18 U.S.C. 922

Federal Firearms Licensees (FFLs):

- Handguns: Under federal law, FFLs may not sell, deliver, or otherwise transfer any firearm or ammunition to any individual who the licensee knows or has reasonable cause to believe is under the age of 21.
- Long Guns (Rifles/ Shotguns): Under federal law, FFLs may not sell, deliver, or otherwise transfer a long gun, or long gun ammunition to any person the licensee knows or has reasonable cause to believe is under the age of 18.

** See: 18 U.S.C. 922 (x)









