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Legal Home Defense Tools in All 50 States + Territories

Why This Guide Matters

When natural disasters or civil unrest strike, protecting your family becomes a priority. While storing food and water is essential, knowing your legal options for home self-defense is just as critical. This guide gives you a clear, responsible overview of self-defense tools by state, including firearms, air guns, and non-lethal alternatives.

State	Firearms Legal?	Air Guns Legal?	Pepper Spray Legal?	Stand Your Ground?
AL	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
AK	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
AZ	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
AR	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CA	With restrictions	Varies	Yes (regulated)	Limited
CO	Yes	Yes	Yes	Limited
CT	With permit	Yes	Yes	No
DE	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
FL	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
GA	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
HI	Strictly regulated	Restricted	Yes (limited)	No
ID	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
IL	Permit required	Restricted	Yes (regulated)	Limited

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IN	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
IA	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
KS	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
KY	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
LA	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
ME	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
MD	With restrictions	Restricted	Yes (limited)	No
MA	Strictly regulated	Restricted	Yes (with ID)	No
MI	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
MN	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
MS	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
MO	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
MT	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
NE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Limited
NV	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
NH	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
NJ	Strictly regulated	Restricted	Yes (regulated)	No
NM	Yes	Yes	Yes	Limited
NY	Strictly regulated	Restricted	Yes (limited)	No
NC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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ND	Yes	Yes	Yes	Limited
OH	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
OK	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
OR	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
PA	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RI	With permit	Restricted	Yes (with ID)	No
SC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
SD	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
TN	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
TX	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
UT	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
VT	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
VA	Yes	Yes	Yes	Limited
WA	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
WV	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
WI	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
WY	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
DC	Strictly regulated	Restricted	Yes (with ID)	No
PR	With restrictions	Restricted	Yes (with ID)	No
GU	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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VI	Strictly regulated	Restricted	Yes (limited)	No
AS	Restricted	Restricted	Yes (limited)	No
MP	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes