

Utah Weapons Crimes Defense

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Know Your Weapons Rights

While Utah is generally more lax on gun control than other states, it still has complex laws for owning, selling, or carrying a weapon. Sometimes that complexity can make it confusing to understand what's legal and what isn't, in terms of carrying or using a weapon. If you are facing a weapons related charge, you need an attorney who knows and supports your Second Amendment rights.

You need Wasatch Defense Attorneys in Salt Lake City. Call us today for a free consultation. [801.980.9965](tel:801.980.9965).

What are Weapons Related Charges

Weapon related charges could include the following:

- Homicide With a Gun
- Armed Robbery
- Assault with a Deadly Weapon
- Possession or Sale of Illegal Weapons, such as defaced pistols or revolvers
- Carrying a Concealed Weapon Without a Permit
- Legal Discharge

Any of these charges can result in long jail sentences. Utah courts take weapon charges very seriously, and punish offenders harshly.

Possession of Illegal Weapons

Here in Utah, the possession of illegal weapons is punishable as a Class A misdemeanor. Typically, illegal weapons are classified as weapons that have been defaced. A defaced weapon is one that has had its make, model number, or other identifying marks removed. However, if your firearm's identifying marks become illegible or obliterated, you may apply to the Department of Public Safety for a new identification mark, or for permission to restore the original manufacturer's mark.

Also, possession of a regulated weapon without proper clearance from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (typically referred to as the ATF) will result in federal charges. The following weapons are classified as regulated by ATF:

- Machine Guns
- Short Barreled Rifles
- Short Barreled Shotguns
- Suppressors
- Destructive Devices, i.e. grenades, bombs, missiles

Possession of any of the above weapons is illegal anywhere in the US and is punishable by up to 10 years in prison.

Illegal Discharge of a Weapon

Discharging a weapon can be a criminal offense depending on the situation. In the state of Utah, it is a crime to discharge a firearm from an automobile or other vehicle. It's also illegal to shoot a gun "from, upon, or across any highway" as well as shooting at:

- Road signs
- Railroad Equipment or Facilities
- Communications Equipment including lines, poles or other transmission equipment
- OR within certain distances of houses and other possible dwellings

Although this crime is usually classified as a misdemeanor, it can be a felony if the firearm is discharged in the direction of any person, vehicle, or "habitable structure".

Minors and Guns

In Utah, it is illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to carry or own a dangerous weapon, including firearms, unless accompanied by a parent (or legal guardian) or given explicit parental permission. A first offense is a Class A misdemeanor, but any subsequent offenses are charged as third-degree felonies. It is also a third-degree felony to sell a firearm to an unaccompanied minor.

Weapons Crimes Defense in Salt Lake City

Wasatch Defense Attorneys know your rights and will aggressively defend them. Contact us today for a case review at no charge.

Our experienced, local attorneys can explain to you how these laws apply to your unique situation. Don't hesitate. Contact us today about our no-obligation case review!

Guard Your Rights

Do NOT Waive Your Right to Legal Counsel! Authorities will try get you to incriminate yourself and suggest there is no need for an attorney. Stay calm and call us immediately: [801.980.9965](tel:801.980.9965)

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