



**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
BUREAU OF FIREARMS  
Dangerous Weapons License/Permit(s)  
Application Checklist**

**INTRODUCTION**

To assist you with the completion of your Dangerous Weapon License/Permit application, please use this checklist to determine your good cause, business purposes, and to ensure that you have provided the required documentation upon submitting your application to the Department of Justice (DOJ).

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE RECOGNIZED GOOD CAUSE(S) FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A DANGEROUS WEAPON LICENSE/PERMIT - CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS TITLE 11, § 4128**

(b) No license or permit shall be issued to any applicant who fails to establish good cause for such license or permit and that such license or permit would not endanger the public safety.

(c) To establish good cause, an applicant must provide the DOJ with clear and convincing evidence that there is a bona fide market or public necessity for the issuance of a dangerous weapons license or permit and that the applicant can satisfy that need without endangering public safety. Except as provided by Penal Code section 33300, good causes recognized by the DOJ to establish a bona fide necessity for issuance of dangerous weapons licenses or permits include the following:

Please select all that apply:

- Sales to and/or manufacture for sales to law enforcement, military, and/or dangerous weapon licensees/permittees.
- Training, research and development; and/or manufacturing pursuant to government contract.
- Use and/or manufacture of dangerous weapons as props in commercial motion picture, television production, or other commercial entertainment events.
- Possession for the purpose of maintaining a collection of destructive devices as defined in Penal Code section 16460, but such possession shall not be allowed for short-barreled shotguns, short-barreled rifles, machineguns, or assault weapons.
- Repair and maintenance of dangerous weapons lawfully possessed by others.
- Use of dangerous weapons in activities sanctioned by government military agencies by members of those agencies.
- The sale of assault weapons and/or the manufacture of assault weapons for the sale to, purchase by, or possession of assault weapons by: the agencies listed in Penal Code section 30625, and the officers described in Penal Code section 30630; entities and persons who have been issued assault weapon permits; entities outside the state who have, in effect, a federal firearms dealer's license solely for the purpose of distribution to an entity listed herein; federal law enforcement and military agencies; law enforcement and military agencies of other states; and foreign governments and agencies approved by the United States State Department.
- Use of dangerous weapons for the design, manufacture, demonstration, and sales of dangerous weapons accessories to law enforcement and military agencies, qualifying peace officers, and California dangerous weapons licensee/permittees.

**GOOD CAUSE STATEMENT - CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS TITLE 11, § 4128**

Please submit a good cause statement describing with clear and convincing evidence that there is a bona fide market or public necessity for the issuance of a dangerous weapons license/permit and stipulate how that necessity can be satisfied without endangering public safety.



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**SALES - CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS TITLE 11, § 4130**

(a) Documentation required to determine bona fide necessity for sales and demonstration for the purpose of sales of dangerous weapons includes the following:

- A list of counties in California where the applicant plans to sell dangerous weapons.
- Expressions of interest from a chief of police or designee, sheriff or designee, or head of a government agency or designee in each specified county indicating the number and type of dangerous weapons they plan to buy during the next 18 months and a statement that the agency will consider purchasing dangerous weapons from the applicant.
- The number of demonstrations the applicant intends to conduct, the specific agencies to which the applicant intends to demonstrate, and the number/type of dangerous weapons to be used in the demonstrations.
- The number/type of dangerous weapons the applicant plans to have in his inventory for demonstrations, and a statement indicating whether these dangerous weapons are for sale.
- A plan to notify law enforcement or government agencies concerning demonstrations and/or sales.
- Letters from manufacturers authorizing an applicant to represent their dangerous weapons for sale.
- A list of manufacturers, makes, and models of dangerous weapons that the applicant plans to market.
- A plan to deliver dangerous weapons once a sale is made.
- A plan for the disposal of dangerous weapons taken in trade.
- A history of the applicant's experience in the handling and demonstrations of dangerous weapons.

(b) Applicants for permits to possess dangerous weapons for sale must also provide evidence of a current FFL, local business license, and current Seller's permit issued by the State Board of Equalization.

- Current copy of FFL(s).
- Current copy of local business licensing required by the city and/or county.
- Current copy of Seller's permit from the Board of Equalization.

**TRAINING; RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT; AND/OR MANUFACTURING - CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS TITLE 11, § 4131**

(a) Documentation required to determine bona fide necessity for training; research & development; and/or manufacturing of dangerous weapons pursuant to government contract includes the following:

- Current copies of government agency contracts.
- Detailed statements of objectives of the training, research & development, and/or manufacturing including time frames of the effort and a projected completion date.



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**COMMERCIAL MOTION PICTURE, TELEVISION PRODUCTION, OR OTHER COMMERCIAL ENTERTAINMENT EVENT - CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS TITLE 11, § 4132**

(a) Documentation required to determine bona fide necessity for possession or manufacturing of dangerous weapons for commercial motion picture, television production, or other commercial entertainment event includes the following:

- If an agent of a studio, the applicant must provide a letter of need and verification of employment from the studio.
- If an agent of a rental company or an independent property master, the applicant must provide letters of interest from the studios.

(b) Persons attempting to establish a business in this area who have not yet been retained by clients shall provide copies or business correspondence or other evidence of their activities which they deem will show reasonable efforts to supply dangerous weapons for use in commercial motion picture, television production, or other commercial entertainment event.

**COLLECTION OF DESTRUCTIVE DEVICES - CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS TITLE 11, § 4133**

(a) Documentation required to determine bona fide necessity for collecting destructive devices includes the following:

- A written statement from applicant certifying that he is a bona fide collector of destructive devices. The statement must identify the weapons or ordnance of interest to the collector and an estimate of the intended size of the collection.
- A written statement from applicant certifying that the weapon or ordnance will not be fired or discharged.

**REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE - CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS TITLE 11, § 4134**

(a) Documentation required to determine bona fide necessity for repair of dangerous weapons includes the following:

- The applicant must provide evidence of expertise in the specific weaponry (i.e., educational certificates/diplomas, employment history, experience).
- Letters of interest must be provided from individuals/agencies indicating a need for applicant to repair or maintain their weaponry.

**ACTIVITIES SANCTIONED BY MILITARY - ASSAULT WEAPONS - CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS TITLE 11, § 4135**

(a) Documentation required to determine bona fide necessity for use of personal assault weapons by military personnel in sanctioned activities includes the following:

- A current copy of the applicant's official identification card.
- The applicant must provide a letter, signed by the applicant's Base Commander, stating that such a need exists.



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**FACILITY AND VEHICLE SECURITY COMPLIANCE - CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS TITLE 11,  
§ 4138**

(a) Dangerous weapons shall only be stored in facilities, or transported in vehicles, that meet the security requirements described by section 4139 of these regulations, and that have been reported to the DOJ on form BOF 045.

(b) Form BOF 045 (Rev. 12/2019) will require the licensee/permittee to provide the following information:

- The phone number and physical address of all primary and, if applicable, secondary security compliant storage locations.
- The year, make, model, and vehicle identification or license plate number(s) of all security compliant vehicles and trailers.
- Statement that all locations and vehicles meet security requirements.
- Date and signature of licensee/permittee, attesting, under penalty of perjury, that the preceding is true.
- Completion of Facility and Vehicle Security Compliance Form ([BOF 045](#)).