



**LICENSED GUN SHOW PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITIES AND
GENERAL REMINDERS
PURSUANT TO PENAL CODE SECTIONS
16800 AND 27200-27350**

After reading the responsibilities and general reminders provided below, please sign and date the “Provisions Statement” located on the last page of this document, and return only the last page to the Department of Justice via email at Gunshows@doj.ca.gov.

The Penal Code provisions listed below are provided for informational purposes only and are not inclusive of all the California statutes and regulations with which a licensed gun show producer must comply. It is the responsibility of the licensed gun show producer to stay abreast of new changes to the law and to not rely solely on this document.

1. ***Pen. Code, § 16620:*** “As used in this part, “Gun Show Trader” means a person described in Section 26525.”
2. ***Pen. Code, § 26525, subd. (a) & (b):*** “Section 26500 does not apply to the sale, lease, or transfer of used firearms, other than handguns, at gun shows or events, as specified in Article 1 (commencing with Section 26700) and Article 2 (commencing with Section 26800) of Chapter 2, by a person other than a licensee or dealer, provided the person has a valid federal firearms license and a current certificate of eligibility issued by the Department of Justice, as specified in Section 26710, and provided all the sales, leases, or transfers fully comply with Section 27545. However, the person shall not engage in the sale, lease, or transfer of used firearms other than handguns at more than 12 gun shows or events in any calendar year and shall not sell, lease, or transfer more than 15 used firearms other than handguns at any single gun show or event. In no event shall the person sell more than 75 used firearms other than handguns in any calendar year. The Department of Justice shall adopt regulations to administer this program and shall recover the full costs of administration from fees assessed applicants.”
3. ***Pen. Code, § 27200, subd. (a):*** “No person shall produce, promote, sponsor, operate, or otherwise organize a gun show or event, as specified in subdivision (b) of Section 26805, unless that person possesses a valid certificate of eligibility from the Department of Justice.”
4. ***Pen. Code, § 27200, subd. (c):*** “If during that year the information required by paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) changes, or additional gun shows or events will be promoted, produced, sponsored, operated, or otherwise organized by the applicant, the producer shall notify the Department of Justice no later than 30 days prior to the gun show or event.”
5. ***Pen. Code, § 27200, subd. (d)-(e):*** “The Department of Justice shall adopt regulations to administer the certificate of eligibility program under this section. The Department of Justice shall recover the full costs of administering the certificate of eligibility program

by fees assessed applicants who apply for certificates. A licensed gun show producer shall be assessed an annual fee of eighty-five dollars (\$85) by the department.”

6. ***Pen. Code, § 27205, subd. (a):*** “Before commencement of a gun show or event, the producer thereof shall, upon written request from a law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the facility, make available to that agency, within 48 hours or a later time specified by the agency, a complete and accurate list of all persons, entities, and organizations that have leased or rented, or are known to the producer to intend to lease or rent, any table, display space, or area at the gun show or event for the purpose of selling, leasing, or transferring firearms, or processing the sale or transfer of ammunition.”
7. ***Pen. Code, § 27205, subd. (b):*** “The producer shall thereafter, upon written request, for every day the gun show or event operates, within 24 hours or a later time specified by the requesting law enforcement agency, make available to that agency an accurate, complete, and current list of the persons, entities, and organizations that have leased or rented, or are known to the producer to intend to lease or rent, any table, display space, or area at the gun show or event for the purpose of selling, leasing, or transferring firearms, or processing the sale or transfer of ammunition.”
8. ***Pen. Code, § 27205, subd. (d):*** “The information that may be requested by the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the facility, and that shall be provided by the producer upon request, includes, but is not limited to, the following information relative to a vendor who offers for sale any firearms manufactured after **December 31, 1898**, or any ammunition:
 - (1) The vendor’s complete name.
 - (2) A driver’s license or identification card number.”
9. ***Pen. Code, § 27210, subd. (a):*** “The producer and facility’s manager of a gun show or event shall prepare an annual event and security plan and schedule that shall include, at a minimum, the following information for each show or event:
 - (1) The type of show or event, including, but not limited to, antique or general firearms and ammunition.
 - (2) The estimated number of vendors offering firearms or ammunition for sale or display.
 - (3) The estimated number of attendees.
 - (4) The number of entrances and exits at the gun show or event site.
 - (5) The location, dates, and times of the show or event.
 - (6) The contact person and telephone number for both the producer and the facility.
 - (7) The number of sworn peace officers employed by the producer or the facility’s manager who will be present at the show or event.
 - (8) The number of nonsworn security personnel employed by the producer or the facility’s manager who will be present at the show or event.”

10. ***Pen. Code, § 27210, subd. (b):*** “The annual event and security plan shall be submitted by either the producer or the facility’s manager to the Department of Justice and the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the facility.”
11. ***Pen. Code, § 27210, subd. (c):*** “If significant changes have been made since the annual plan was submitted, the producer shall, not later than 15 days before commencement of the gun show or event, submit to the department, the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the facility site, and the facility’s manager, a revised event and security plan, including a revised list of vendors that the producer knows, or reasonably should know, will be renting tables, space, or otherwise participating in the gun show or event.”
12. ***Pen. Code, § 27210, subd. (d):*** “The event and security plan shall be approved by the facility’s manager before the event or show, after consultation with the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the facility.”
13. ***Pen. Code, § 27210, subd. (e):*** A gun show or event shall not commence unless the requirements of [PC 27210] subdivisions (b), (c), and (d) are met.
14. ***Pen. Code, § 27215:*** The producer of a gun show or event shall be responsible for informing prospective gun show vendors of the requirements of [Article 1 (commencing with Section 27200)] and of Article 2 (commencing with Section 27300) that apply to vendors.
15. ***Pen. Code § 27220, subd. (a):*** “Within seven calendar days of the commencement of a gun show or event, but not later than noon on Friday for a show or event held on a weekend, the producer shall submit a list of all prospective vendors and designated firearms transfer agents who are licensed firearms dealers or ammunition vendors to the Department of Justice for the purpose of determining whether these prospective vendors and designated firearms transfer agents possess valid licenses and are thus eligible to participate as licensed dealers or ammunition vendors at the show or event.”
16. ***Pen. Code, § 27225:*** If a licensed firearms dealer or ammunition vendor fails to cooperate with a producer of a gun show or event, or fails to comply with the applicable requirements of [Article 1 (commencing with Section 27200)] or Article 2 (commencing with Section 27300), that person shall not be allowed to participate in that show or event.
17. ***Pen. Code, § 27230:*** “If a producer fails to comply with Section 27215 or 27220, the gun show or event shall not commence until those requirements are met.”
18. ***Pen. Code, § 27235:*** “Every producer of a gun show or event shall have a written contract with each gun show vendor selling firearms or ammunition at the show or event.”
19. ***Pen. Code, §27240, subd. (a):*** “The producer of a gun show or event shall require that signs be posted in a readily visible location at each public entrance to the show containing, but not limited to, the following notice:

- (1) This gun show follows all federal, state, and local firearms, ammunition, and weapons laws, without exception.
- (2) Any firearm carried onto the premises by any member of the public will be checked, cleared of any ammunition, and secured in a manner that prevents it from being operated, and an identification tag or sticker will be attached to the firearm before the person is allowed admittance to the show.
- (3) No member of the public under the age of 18 years shall be admitted to the show unless accompanied by a parent, grandparent, or legal guardian.
- (4) All firearms transfers between private parties at the show shall be conducted through a licensed dealer in accordance with applicable state and federal laws.
- (5) Persons possessing firearms or ammunition at this facility shall have in their immediate possession government-issued photo identification, and display it upon request to any security officer or any peace officer, as defined in Section 830.
- (6) All ammunition transfers between private parties at the show shall be conducted through a licensed dealer or ammunition vendor in accordance with applicable state and federal laws.
- (7) Firearms must be handled responsibly and securely stored to prevent access by children and other unauthorized users. California has strict laws pertaining to firearms, and you may be fined or imprisoned if you fail to comply with them. Visit the internet website of the California Attorney General at <https://oag.ca.gov/firearms> for information on firearm laws applicable to you and how you can comply.
- (8) Children may be unable to distinguish firearms from toys and may operate firearms, causing severe injury or death. If you keep a firearm within any premises under your custody or control, and a person under 18 years of age gains access to the firearm and carries it off-premises, you may be guilty of a misdemeanor, unless you stored the firearm in a locked container, or locked the firearm with a locking device.
- (9) You may be guilty of a misdemeanor, including a significant fine or imprisonment, if you keep a firearm where a minor is likely to access it or if a minor obtains and improperly uses it, or carries it off of the premises to a school or school-sponsored event, unless you stored the firearm in a locked container or locked the firearm with a locking device.
- (10) If you negligently store or leave a firearm within any premises under your custody or control where a person under 18 years of age is likely to access it, you may be guilty of a misdemeanor, including a significant fine, unless you stored the firearm in a locked container or locked the firearm with a locking device.
- (11) Discharging firearms in poorly ventilated areas, cleaning firearms, or handling ammunition may result in exposure to lead, a substance known to cause birth defects, reproductive harm, and other serious physical injury. Have adequate ventilation when discharging or cleaning firearms or handling ammunition. Wash hands thoroughly after exposure.

- (12) Federal regulations provide that if you do not take physical possession of the firearm that you are acquiring ownership of within 30 days after you complete the initial background check paperwork, then you must complete the background check process a second time in order to take physical possession of that firearm.
 - (13) No person shall make an application to purchase more than one handgun or semiautomatic centerfire rifle within any 30-day period and no delivery shall be made to any person who has made an application to purchase more than one handgun or semiautomatic centerfire rifle within any 30-day period.
 - (14) If a firearm you own or possess is lost or stolen, you must report the loss or theft to a local law enforcement agency where the loss or theft occurred within five days of the time you knew or reasonably should have known that the firearm had been lost or stolen.”
20. ***Pen. Code, § 27240, subd. (b):*** “The show producer shall post, in a readily visible location at each entrance to the parking lot at the show, signage that states: “The transfer of firearms or ammunition on the parking lot of this facility is a crime.”
21. ***Pen. Code, § 27305:*** “All gun show or event vendors shall certify in writing to the producer that they:
- (a) Will not display, possess, or offer for sale any firearms, ammunition, knives, or weapons for which possession or sale is prohibited.
 - (b) Will not display, possess, or offer for sale any unserialized frame or receiver, including an unfinished frame or receiver.
 - (c) Will not display, possess, or offer for sale any attachment or conversion kit designed to convert a handgun into a short-barreled rifle or into an assault weapon.
 - (d) Acknowledge that they are responsible for knowing and complying with all applicable federal, state, and local laws dealing with the possession and transfer of firearms or ammunition.
 - (e) Will not engage in activities that incite or encourage hate crimes.
 - (f) Will process all transfers of firearms through licensed firearms dealers as required by state law.
 - (g) Will process all sales or transfers of ammunition through licensed firearms dealers or ammunition vendors as required by state law.
 - (h) Will verify that all firearms in their possession at the show or event will be unloaded, and that the firearms will be secured in a manner that prevents them from being operated except for brief periods when the mechanical condition of a firearm is being demonstrated to a prospective buyer.
 - (i) Have complied with the requirements of Section 27320.
 - (j) Will not display or possess black powder, or offer it for sale.”
22. ***Pen. Code, § 27310, subd. (a):*** “All firearm, ammunition, and firearm precursor part transfers or sales at a gun show or event shall be conducted in accordance with applicable state and federal laws.”

23. ***Pen. Code, § 27315:*** “Sales of ammunition at a gun show or event shall comply with all applicable laws, including Sections 30347, 30348, 30350, 30352, and 30360.”
24. ***Pen. Code, § 27320, subd. (a):*** “Before commencement of a gun show or event, each vendor who will offer for sale any firearms manufactured after December 31, 1898, or any ammunition, shall provide to the producer all of the following information relative to the vendor, the vendor’s employees, and other persons, compensated or not, who will be working or otherwise providing services to the public at the vendor’s display space:
 - (1) The person’s complete name.
 - (2) The person’s driver’s license or state-issued identification card number.
 - (3) The person’s date of birth.
 - (4) The person’s certificate of eligibility number pursuant to Section 26915 or 30347 of the Penal Code.”
25. ***Pen. Code, § 27320, subd. (b):*** “The producer shall keep the information at the onsite headquarters of the show or event for the duration of the show or event, and at the producer’s regular place of business for two weeks after the conclusion of the show or event. The producer shall make the information available upon request to any sworn peace officer for purposes of the officer’s official law enforcement duties.”
26. ***Pen. Code, § 27325:*** “At any gun show or event, each vendor and each employee of a vendor shall wear a name tag indicating first and last name.”
27. ***Pen. Code, § 27330:*** “No person at a gun show or event, other than security personnel or sworn peace officers, shall possess at the same time both a firearm and ammunition that is designed to be fired in the firearm. Vendors having those items at the show for sale or exhibition are exempt from this prohibition.”
28. ***Pen. Code, § 27335:*** “No member of the public who is under the age of 18 years shall be admitted to, or be permitted to remain at, a gun show or event unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Any member of the public who is under the age of 18 years shall be accompanied by that person’s parent, grandparent, or legal guardian while at the show or event.”
29. ***Pen. Code, § 27340, subd. (a):*** “Persons other than show or event security personnel, sworn peace officers, or vendors, who bring any firearm or any ammunition that is separate from a firearm onto the gun show or event premises shall sign in ink the tag or sticker that is attached to the firearm prior to being allowed admittance to the show or event, as provided for in subdivision (b) and (c).”
30. ***Pen. Code, § 27340, subd. (b):*** “All firearms carried onto the premises of a gun show or event by members of the public shall be checked, cleared of any ammunition, secured in a manner that prevents them from being operated, and an identification tag or sticker shall be attached to the firearm, prior to the person being allowed admittance to the show. The identification tag or sticker shall state that all firearms transfers between private parties at the show or event shall be conducted through a licensed dealer in accordance

with applicable state and federal laws. The person possessing the firearm shall complete the following information on the tag before it is attached to the firearm:

- (1) The gun owner's signature.
- (2) The gun owner's printed name.
- (3) The identification number from the gun owner's government-issued photo identification."

31. ***Pen. Code, § 27340, subd. (c):*** "Any ammunition carried onto the premises of a gun show or event by members of the public shall be checked and secured in a manner that prevents the ammunition from being discharged. An identification tag or sticker shall be attached to the ammunition prior to the person being allowed admittance to the show. The identification tag or sticker shall state that all ammunition transfers between private parties at the show or event shall be conducted through a licensed dealer or ammunition vendor in accordance with applicable state and federal laws. The person possessing the ammunition shall complete the following information on the tag before it is attached to the ammunition:

- (1) The ammunition owner's signature.
- (2) The ammunition owner's printed name.
- (3) The identification number from the ammunition owner's government-issued photo identification."

32. ***Pen. Code, § 27345:*** "Any person who possesses a firearm or ammunition at a gun show or event shall have government-issued photo identification in immediate possession, and shall display it upon request to any security officer or peace officer."

GENERAL REMINDERS

It is the responsibility of all firearms dealers, ammunition vendors, gun show traders, and designated firearms transfer agents participating in the gun show or event to comply with all applicable California statutes and regulations.

Please advise participating firearms dealers, ammunition vendors, gun show traders, and designated firearms transfer agents to visit the internet website of the California Attorney General at www.oag.ca.gov/firearms for information on firearm laws, to refer to the California Penal Code sections pertaining to firearms under Title 4 (Firearms) of Part 6 (Control of Deadly Weapons) at www.leginfo.legislature.ca.gov, and to refer to the California Code of Regulations, Title 11, Division 5 at <https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs>.

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact the Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Firearms by telephone at 916-210-2384 or by email at gunshows@doj.ca.gov.

Also, please be advised that pursuant to Penal Code section 27310, subdivision (b), the DOJ may inspect any firearms dealers, ammunition vendors, and manufacturers participating in a gun show or event in order to ensure compliance with Penal Code section 27310, subdivision(a).

PROVISIONS STATEMENT

I certify that I am familiar with, and have read and understand the provisions within Penal Code sections 16620, 16800, 27200 through 27245 (Article 1: Gun Show or Event), 27300 through 27350 (Article 2: Gun Show Enforcement and Security Act of 2000), and 26525.

Printed Name

Date

Signature