



# DAVE'S SPORTS SHOP

## NEW FIREARM TRANSFER RULES STARTING JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>

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Most of Washington's *Initiative 1639* took effect on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

Here's what's new (and what stays the same):

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### **SEMI-AUTOMATIC RIFLES:** (aka "SAR"; incl. .22's)

- New: must be **21 years old** to purchase or transfer;
- New: **\$18 fee** per SAR to WA State for purchase or transfer;
- New: must provide proof of completion of a recognized '**firearm safety training program**' within the past five years;
- New: '**enhanced**' **background check** now goes through local Law Enforcement Agency ("LEA") where purchaser resides;
- New: **10 business day waiting period** before pickup;
- New: must be a **Washington resident** to purchase or transfer;
- Same: **semi-automatic rifles are fun to shoot, and law-abiding citizens are the only ones who follow the law!**

### **HANDGUNS:**

- Same: must be 21 years old to purchase or transfer;
- Same: must be a **Washington resident** to purchase or transfer;
- New: all handgun background checks now go through local LEA (no longer using the 'instant' Federal system for CPL-holders);
- New: **no more same-day pickup for CPL holders** (background check written results must first come back from local LEA, otherwise 10 business days must pass – whichever comes first);
- Same: **handguns are a great and versatile option for sport shooting and personal protection – not much has changed!**

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## **OTHER LONG GUNS:** (shotguns, bolt / lever rifles, etc.)

- Same: must be 18 years old to purchase or transfer;
- Same: same-day pickup allowed with instant background check;
- Same: *not* required to be a Washington resident for purchase or transfer (must be allowed under your state's laws);
- Same: **no new fees, waiting periods, forms or processes.**

## **'OTHER' FIREARMS:** (lower receivers, frames, etc.)

- Same: must be 21 years old to purchase or transfer;
- Same: same-day pickup allowed with instant background check;
- Same: must be resident of Washington state;
- Same: **no new fees, waiting periods, forms or processes.**

## **GENERAL / ALL FIREARMS:**

- Secure Gun Storage: provisions of I-1639 provide criminal liability if firearms are accessed and used by a prohibited person and were not stored with "secure gun storage" (in a securely locked safe / cabinet, or with a trigger lock).

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***We appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate these complex new rules and keep it as simple as possible for you!***

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