

# South Dakota Gun Laws & Firearms Safety Practice Exam (Sample)

## Study Guide



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# Introduction

Preparing for a certification exam can feel overwhelming, but with the right tools, it becomes an opportunity to build confidence, sharpen your skills, and move one step closer to your goals. At Examzify, we believe that effective exam preparation isn't just about memorization, it's about understanding the material, identifying knowledge gaps, and building the test-taking strategies that lead to success.

This guide was designed to help you do exactly that.

Whether you're preparing for a licensing exam, professional certification, or entry-level qualification, this book offers structured practice to reinforce key concepts. You'll find a wide range of multiple-choice questions, each followed by clear explanations to help you understand not just the right answer, but why it's correct.

The content in this guide is based on real-world exam objectives and aligned with the types of questions and topics commonly found on official tests. It's ideal for learners who want to:

- Practice answering questions under realistic conditions,
- Improve accuracy and speed,
- Review explanations to strengthen weak areas, and
- Approach the exam with greater confidence.

We recommend using this book not as a stand-alone study tool, but alongside other resources like flashcards, textbooks, or hands-on training. For best results, we recommend working through each question, reflecting on the explanation provided, and revisiting the topics that challenge you most.

Remember: successful test preparation isn't about getting every question right the first time, it's about learning from your mistakes and improving over time. Stay focused, trust the process, and know that every page you turn brings you closer to success.

Let's begin.

# How to Use This Guide

**This guide is designed to help you study more effectively and approach your exam with confidence. Whether you're reviewing for the first time or doing a final refresh, here's how to get the most out of your Examzify study guide:**

## 1. Start with a Diagnostic Review

**Skim through the questions to get a sense of what you know and what you need to focus on. Don't worry about getting everything right, your goal is to identify knowledge gaps early.**

## 2. Study in Short, Focused Sessions

**Break your study time into manageable blocks (e.g. 30 - 45 minutes). Review a handful of questions, reflect on the explanations, and take breaks to retain information better.**

## 3. Learn from the Explanations

**After answering a question, always read the explanation, even if you got it right. It reinforces key points, corrects misunderstandings, and teaches subtle distinctions between similar answers.**

## 4. Track Your Progress

**Use bookmarks or notes (if reading digitally) to mark difficult questions. Revisit these regularly and track improvements over time.**

## 5. Simulate the Real Exam

**Once you're comfortable, try taking a full set of questions without pausing. Set a timer and simulate test-day conditions to build confidence and time management skills.**

## 6. Repeat and Review

**Don't just study once, repetition builds retention. Re-attempt questions after a few days and revisit explanations to reinforce learning.**

## 7. Use Other Tools

**Pair this guide with other Examzify tools like flashcards, and digital practice tests to strengthen your preparation across formats.**

**There's no single right way to study, but consistent, thoughtful effort always wins. Use this guide flexibly — adapt the tips above to fit your pace and learning style. You've got this!**

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## **Questions**

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- 1. Is it legal to openly carry a firearm in South Dakota?**
  - A. Yes, without any permit**
  - B. Yes, with a permit**
  - C. No, it is strictly prohibited**
  - D. Only in rural areas**
  
- 2. What is the minimum age to possess and transport a handgun in South Dakota without parental supervision?**
  - A. 18 years old**
  - B. 21 years old**
  - C. 16 years old**
  - D. 14 years old**
  
- 3. Which of the following is considered a legal reason for carrying a concealed pistol in South Dakota?**
  - A. Personal protection**
  - B. Hunting**
  - C. Attending a gun show**
  - D. All of the above**
  
- 4. What is the legal BAC (Blood Alcohol Content) limit for carrying a firearm in South Dakota?**
  - A. 0.00%**
  - B. 0.08%**
  - C. 0.04%**
  - D. There is no specified limit**
  
- 5. Are silencers legal in South Dakota?**
  - A. No**
  - B. Yes**
  - C. Yes, but only for hunting**
  - D. Yes, with special permission**

**6. Does South Dakota require a permit to carry a concealed handgun?**

- A. Yes**
- B. No**
- C. Only for residents of the state**
- D. Only outside city limits**

**7. Does South Dakota recognize concealed carry permits from other states?**

- A. Yes, from all states regardless of reciprocity**
- B. No, non-resident permits are not recognized**
- C. Yes, but only from states that recognize South Dakota permits**
- D. Yes, but there are exceptions for certain states**

**8. What is the minimum age for possessing and transporting a handgun in South Dakota without supervision?**

- A. 18 years**
- B. 21 years**
- C. 16 years**
- D. 14 years**

**9. How long is a standard South Dakota concealed carry permit valid?**

- A. 5 years**
- B. Lifetime**
- C. 1 year**
- D. 10 years**

**10. Is it legal to carry a concealed weapon on a college or university campus in South Dakota?**

- A. Yes, with a concealed carry permit**
- B. No, it is prohibited**
- C. Yes, but only for faculty members**
- D. It depends on the institution's policies**

## **Answers**

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1. A
2. A
3. D
4. B
5. B
6. B
7. C
8. A
9. A
10. D

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## **Explanations**

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## 1. Is it legal to openly carry a firearm in South Dakota?

- A. Yes, without any permit**
- B. Yes, with a permit**
- C. No, it is strictly prohibited**
- D. Only in rural areas**

In South Dakota, it is legal to openly carry a firearm without any permit. Option B is incorrect as a permit is not required to openly carry a firearm. Option C is incorrect because South Dakota does not strictly prohibit the open carry of firearms. Option D is incorrect because there is no restriction on where you can openly carry a firearm in South Dakota. It is important to note that while openly carrying a firearm is legal in South Dakota, there may be certain restrictions and regulations that apply depending on the specific location or situation.

## 2. What is the minimum age to possess and transport a handgun in South Dakota without parental supervision?

- A. 18 years old**
- B. 21 years old**
- C. 16 years old**
- D. 14 years old**

In South Dakota, the minimum age to possess and transport a handgun without parental supervision is 18 years old. This age requirement is set to ensure that individuals have reached a level of maturity and responsibility before being allowed to handle a firearm on their own. It is important for individuals to understand and follow the laws and regulations in place regarding handgun possession and transportation to promote safety and prevent misuse of firearms. Options B, C, and D are not the correct answers because they do not match the legal age requirement specified in South Dakota gun laws.

## 3. Which of the following is considered a legal reason for carrying a concealed pistol in South Dakota?

- A. Personal protection**
- B. Hunting**
- C. Attending a gun show**
- D. All of the above**

Carrying a concealed pistol in South Dakota is only legal if the person has a valid permit. In this case, all of the options provided are considered valid reasons for obtaining a concealed carry permit in South Dakota. Option A, personal protection, is commonly seen as the primary reason for concealed carry permits. Option B, hunting, is also a valid reason as individuals may need to defend themselves against wild animals while hunting. Option C, attending a gun show, is also a valid reason as individuals may need to carry their weapon with them to sell or trade at the gun show. Therefore, D, all of the above, is the correct answer as all three options are considered legal reasons for carrying a concealed pistol in South Dakota.

#### 4. What is the legal BAC (Blood Alcohol Content) limit for carrying a firearm in South Dakota?

- A. 0.00%
- B. 0.08%**
- C. 0.04%
- D. There is no specified limit

In South Dakota, it is illegal to carry a firearm if your BAC (Blood Alcohol Content) is over 0.08%, which is the same limit for driving under the influence. This limit is in place to help prevent potential accidents and injury while handling a firearm. Options A, C, and D are incorrect because they either have a stricter or non-existent BAC limit for carrying a firearm. Option A, 0.00%, would mean that any trace amount of alcohol in your system would be illegal, making it impractical and overly strict. Option C, 0.04%, is also incorrect as it is not the legal BAC limit for carrying a firearm in South Dakota, although it may be the limit for other activities such as driving a commercial vehicle. Option D, There is no specified limit, is incorrect because South Dakota does have a specified limit of 0.08%. It is important to be aware of and abide by this legal limit to ensure the safe handling and use of firearms in South Dakota.

#### 5. Are silencers legal in South Dakota?

- A. No
- B. Yes**
- C. Yes, but only for hunting
- D. Yes, with special permission

Silencers, also referred to as suppressors, are legal in South Dakota. However, it is important to note that they are heavily regulated and require a federal tax stamp to purchase. Option A is incorrect because silencers are legal in South Dakota. Option C is incorrect because silencers are not limited to hunting purposes only and can be used for any lawful purposes such as recreational shooting. Option D is incorrect because while special permission is required, it is in the form of a federal tax stamp and not discretionary approval.

#### 6. Does South Dakota require a permit to carry a concealed handgun?

- A. Yes
- B. No**
- C. Only for residents of the state
- D. Only outside city limits

While South Dakota is a shall-issue state and allows for concealed carry with a permit, the state does not require a permit to carry a concealed handgun. Option A is incorrect because it implies that all residents are required to have a permit, which is not the case. Option C is incorrect because it suggests that only residents need a permit, when in reality non-residents can also obtain a permit in South Dakota. Option D is incorrect because it limits the requirement for a permit to only outside of city limits, when the law applies throughout the entire state. Therefore, option B is the correct answer as South Dakota does not require a permit for concealed carry.

**7. Does South Dakota recognize concealed carry permits from other states?**

- A. Yes, from all states regardless of reciprocity**
- B. No, non-resident permits are not recognized**
- C. Yes, but only from states that recognize South Dakota permits**
- D. Yes, but there are exceptions for certain states**

South Dakota does recognize concealed carry permits from other states, but only from states that also recognize South Dakota permits. Option A is incorrect because not all states have reciprocity agreements with South Dakota, so concealed carry permits from some states may not be recognized. Option B is incorrect because while non-resident permits may not be recognized, permits from certain resident states may still be recognized. Option D is incorrect because there are no specific exceptions listed for certain states - rather, it depends on whether the state in question recognizes South Dakota permits.

**8. What is the minimum age for possessing and transporting a handgun in South Dakota without supervision?**

- A. 18 years**
- B. 21 years**
- C. 16 years**
- D. 14 years**

In South Dakota, the minimum age for possessing and transporting a handgun without supervision is 18 years old. Individuals must be at least 18 years of age to legally have a handgun in their possession. This requirement is in line with federal regulations and South Dakota state laws regarding firearm possession. It is important for individuals to be aware of and adhere to these age restrictions to ensure compliance with the law and promote firearms safety.

**9. How long is a standard South Dakota concealed carry permit valid?**

- A. 5 years**
- B. Lifetime**
- C. 1 year**
- D. 10 years**

A standard South Dakota concealed carry permit is valid for 5 years. This means that holders of this permit must renew it every 5 years to continue carrying a concealed weapon legally. This renewal process helps ensure that permit holders are up to date on current laws and regulations regarding concealed carry. Additionally, the 5-year validity period helps authorities maintain accurate records of individuals who are legally allowed to carry concealed weapons in South Dakota.

**10. Is it legal to carry a concealed weapon on a college or university campus in South Dakota?**

- A. Yes, with a concealed carry permit**
- B. No, it is prohibited**
- C. Yes, but only for faculty members**
- D. It depends on the institution's policies**

In South Dakota, the legality of carrying a concealed weapon on a college or university campus depends on the institution's policies. Some colleges or universities may have specific rules and regulations regarding firearms on their premises, which could either permit or prohibit concealed carry. It is important for individuals to familiarize themselves with the rules of the specific institution they are associated with to ensure compliance with the law.

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# Next Steps

**Congratulations on reaching the final section of this guide. You've taken a meaningful step toward passing your certification exam and advancing your career.**

**As you continue preparing, remember that consistent practice, review, and self-reflection are key to success. Make time to revisit difficult topics, simulate exam conditions, and track your progress along the way.**

**If you need help, have suggestions, or want to share feedback, we'd love to hear from you. Reach out to our team at [hello@examzify.com](mailto:hello@examzify.com).**

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