

**Emergency Rule**  
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DIGEST

Temporarily amends [312 IAC 9-3-2.5](#) and [312 IAC 9-3-3](#), governing the possession of firearms while engaging in hunting activities, and [312 IAC 8-2-3](#), governing DNR properties, to allow a person with a valid Indiana handgun carry permit issued under [IC 35-47-2-6](#) or a carry permit recognized by Indiana under [IC 35-47-2-21](#)(b) to possess a handgun on a DNR property or while engaged in hunting. Effective December 11, 2006.

SECTION 1. [312 IAC 9-3-2.5](#) is amended to strike subsection (d) and to add a new subsection (d) [*sic.*, to] read as follows: (d) A youth who hunts deer under this section must be:

- (1) fifteen (15) years of age or younger; and
- (2) accompanied by an adult of at least eighteen (18) years of age.

An adult accompanying the youth hunter must not possess a firearm, bow and arrow, or crossbow while in the field, unless the firearm is a handgun possessed under a license issued pursuant to [IC 35-47-2-3](#) or a license recognized pursuant to [IC 35-47-2-21](#)(b), and shall not be required to possess a deer hunting license.

SECTION 2. [312 IAC 9-3-3](#) is temporarily amended to strike subsection (f)(2) and to add a new subsection (f)(2) to read as follows:

(2) A handgun must:

- (A) conform to the requirements of [IC 35-47-2](#);
- (B) have a barrel at least four (4) inches long; and
- (C) fire a bullet of two hundred forty-three thousandths (.243) inch diameter or larger.

All 38 special ammunition is prohibited. The handgun cartridge case, without bullet, must be at least one and sixteen-hundredths (1.16) inches long. Full metal jacketed bullets are unlawful. A handgun must not be concealed, unless the firearm is a handgun possessed under a license issued pursuant to [IC 35-47-2-3](#) or a license recognized pursuant to [IC 35-47-2-21](#)(b). A handgun may be possessed in the field outside lawful shooting hours only if there are no shells in the chamber or magazine, unless the firearm is a handgun possessed under a license issued pursuant to [IC 35-47-2-3](#) or a license recognized pursuant to [IC 35-47-2-21](#)(b). All 25/20, 32/20, 30 carbine, and 38 special ammunition is prohibited.

SECTION 3. [312 IAC 8-2-3](#) is temporarily amended to strike subsection (b) and to add a new subsection (b) to read as follows: (b) Except as provided in subsection (a), a firearm or bow and arrows may not be possessed on DNR properties within any of the following:

- (1) A nature preserve unless hunting is authorized under subsection (c).
- (2) A property administered by the division of museums and historic sites.
- (3) A campground.
- (4) A picnic area.
- (5) A beach.
- (6) A service area.
- (7) A headquarters building.
- (8) A hunter check station.
- (9) A developed recreation site.

SECTION 4. SECTION 1 through SECTION 3 of this document [*SECTIONS 1 through 3 of this document*] expire one (1) year from the effective date of this document.

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