

handgun, and where the police check the character and record of the applicant reveals no blemishes.

The Criminal Code provides permits may be issued to Canadians for three other purposes: To protect life and property; For use in connection with the applicant's lawful profession or occupation; For target practice in accordance with conditions attached to the permit. For all practical purposes, it is no longer possible to obtain a permit in Alberta to carry a handgun for any of these last three purposes, by virtue of the Policy Guidelines.

AUTOMATIC FIREARMS AND FIREARMS LESS THAN 26" in LENGTH:

Subject to the same special controls as handguns.

RIFLES AND SHOTGUNS:

Under legislation now in effect in some provinces applicants for hunting licenses must demonstrate their ability to handle a firearm safely.

OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

The Criminal Code prohibits:

- a) Possession of an unregistered, restricted firearm (handgun, firearm under 26", automatic firearm);
- b) Carrying a registered restricted firearm without a permit;
- c) Carrying a weapon (firearm) for a purpose dangerous to the public peace (applies also to imitation weapons);
- d) Carrying a weapon (firearm) to a public meeting;
- e) Pointing a firearm, whether loaded or unloaded;
- f) Selling, giving, etc., a firearm to a person