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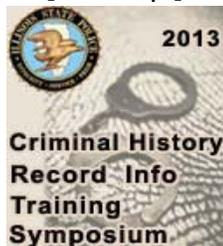
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**Concealed Carry Frequently Asked Questions**

DISCLAIMER: Answers provided to the following questions are meant only to give general guidance. The answers do not and are not meant to replace statutory language.

**On July 9, 2013, Public Act 98-63, the Firearm Concealed Carry Act, became state law (430 ILCS 66).**

**You may view the full text of the law at <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/98/PDF/098-0063.pdf>**

**If you have a question regarding the Firearm Concealed Carry Act that is not addressed in this Frequently Asked Questions document, please call (217) 782-7980.**

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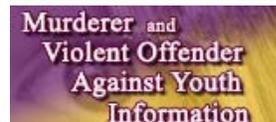
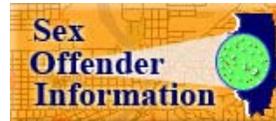
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