

Survey to Chief APOs

Issue: Condition of Supervision (no firearms)

Question (from Blair County):

In Blair we currently do not allow Offenders regardless of the charge to own/possess a firearm while on supervision. Do other counties have the same condition?

Bradford County

Bradford county does not permit clients to possess or reside in a home where firearms are present. If the client or anyone they will be residing with has firearm in the home, we give them a brief period of time to find another location or dispose of the firearm in order for us to approve as their approved residence.

Bucks County

Bucks County has the same rule.

Centre County

In Centre County the Court makes that decision on an individual basis. We have offenders who are permitted to own/possess a weapon.

Franklin County

Franklin County, Certain low risk, non-violent individuals who wish to possess firearms and can legally do so are required to obtain permission and declare all weapons with an authorization form. (See addendum)

Lancaster County

42 Pa. C.S. §9754 (c)(7) reads: "To have in his possession no firearm or other dangerous weapon unless granted written permission."

Like most others, we do not permit clients to possess or reside in a home where firearms are present. If the client or anyone they will be residing with has firearm in the home, we give them a brief period of time to find another location or dispose of the firearm in order for us to approve as their approved residence.

Lebanon County

Lebanon County condition of supervision - You may not possess, have available to your control, or have in your place of residence any contraband such as: stolen property, drugs and drug paraphernalia, firearms (hand-guns, rifles, shotguns), other weapons, and instruments of crime.

Lehigh County

Lehigh does not allow any offender to own/possess firearms and we do not permit any firearms in the residence or on the offender's property during their period of supervision unless otherwise ordered.

Philadelphia County

In Philadelphia County everyone must sign a firearms policy which notes that do not nor are they able to possess/own a firearm.

Pike County

Pike does not allow any offender to own/possess firearms and we do not permit any firearms in the residence or on the offender's property unless otherwise ordered.

Schuylkill County

Schuylkill County does not permit anyone on supervision to own/possess firearms

Snyder County

Snyder County only prohibits pistols and revolvers for all individuals on supervision

Somerset County

Somerset does not allow any possession of a firearm / weapon of any kind.

In regards to hunting, felony cases are prohibited. Misdemeanors require completion of all special conditions, including D&A treatment, Mental Health treatment etc. Once completed the offender can petition the court to possess a weapon for the purpose of hunting only.

Wayne County

Wayne County does not permit an offender to possess a firearm while under supervision. If owned and permitted by law to have, must relocate firearms elsewhere from residence to another acceptable location.

