



TO: ALL PRIVATE INVESTIGATIVE/SECURITY/BAIL ENFORCEMENT  
AGENCIES

SUBJECT: CARRYING WEAPONS

You are reminded that Chapter 724 of the Code of Iowa generally provides that a person who goes armed with a dangerous weapon concealed on their person or who, within the limits of any city goes armed with a pistol or revolver, or any loaded firearm of any kind, whether concealed or not, or who knowingly carries or transports in a vehicle a loaded pistol or revolver, commits an aggravated misdemeanor if the person does not have a valid permit to carry weapons.

A person may be issued a professional permit to carry weapons if the person is employed as a private investigator, security guard or bail enforcement agent.

However, a person must:

- 1) justify the need for going armed to the issuing official (county sheriff for residents; Commissioner of Public Safety for non-residents)
- 2) complete the requisite firearms training program including passing a written exam and firing a qualification score
- 3) satisfy any other requirements as set forth in Chapter 724 of the Iowa Code or Iowa Administrative Code (661 Chapter 91)

You are advised of these Code provisions since a conviction on a weapons charge would mean an immediate revocation of your private investigative/security/bail enforcement license. Any employee of a licensed agency that is convicted of a weapons charge will have his/her identification card revoked immediately.