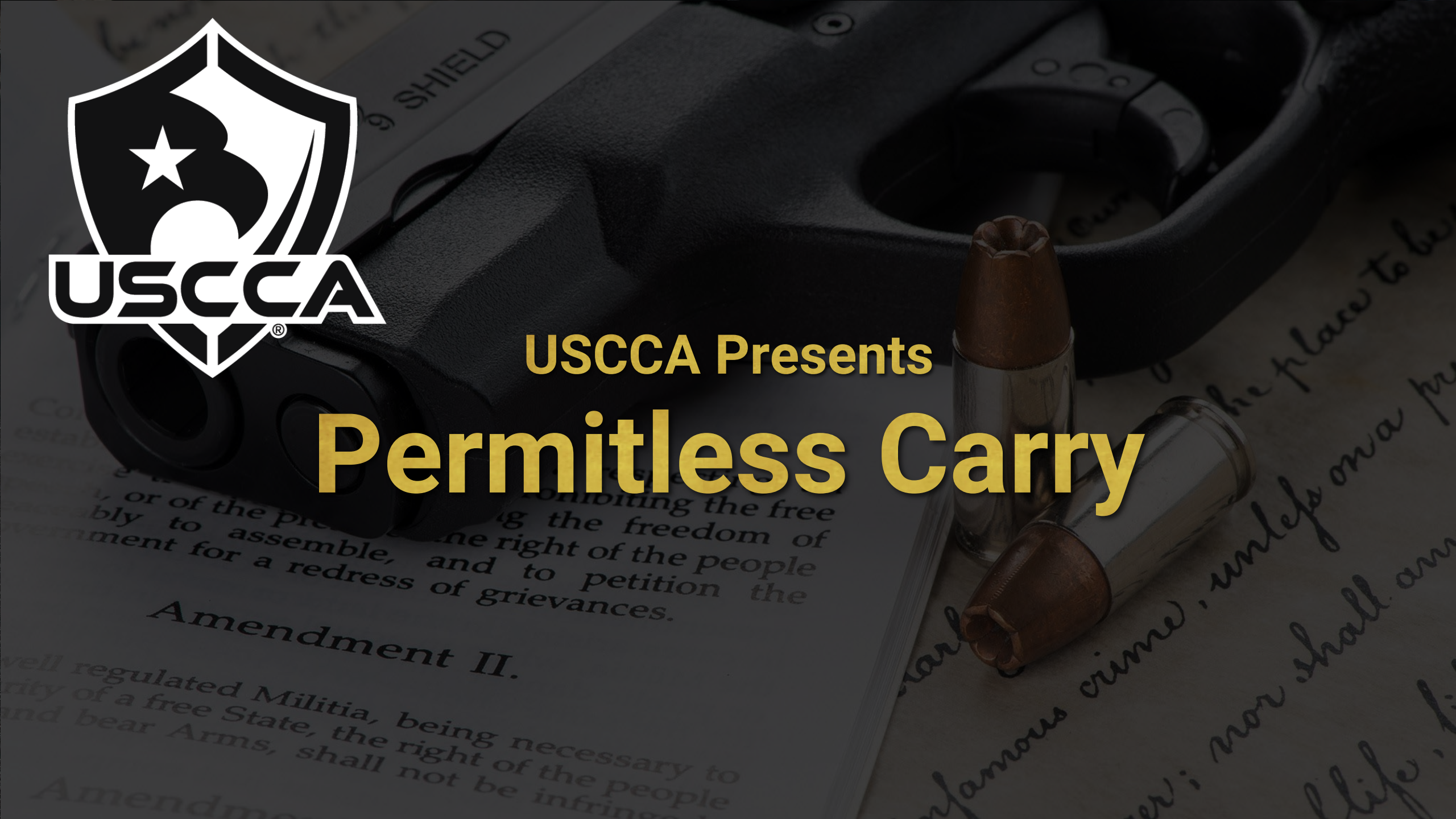




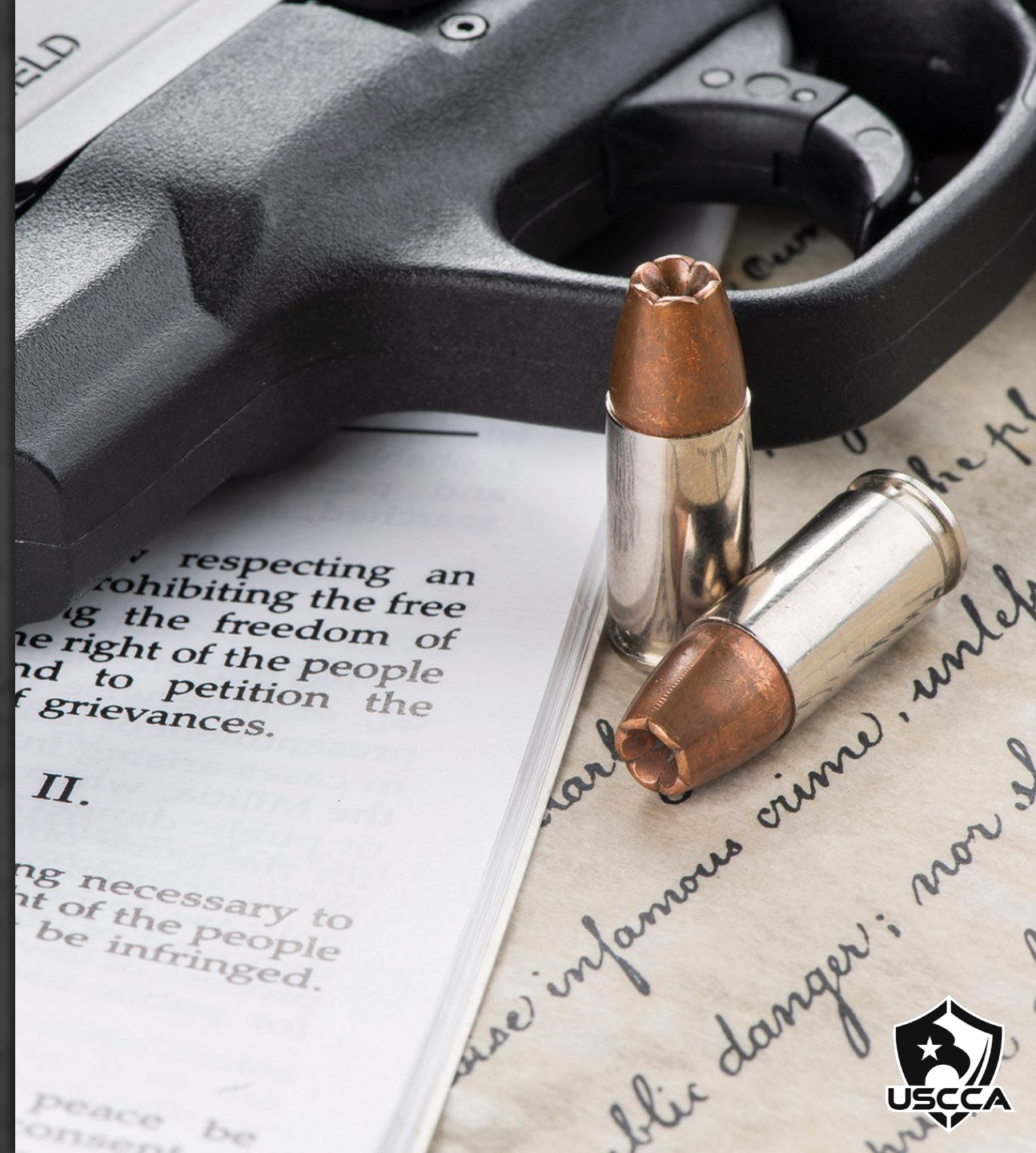
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Permitless Carry



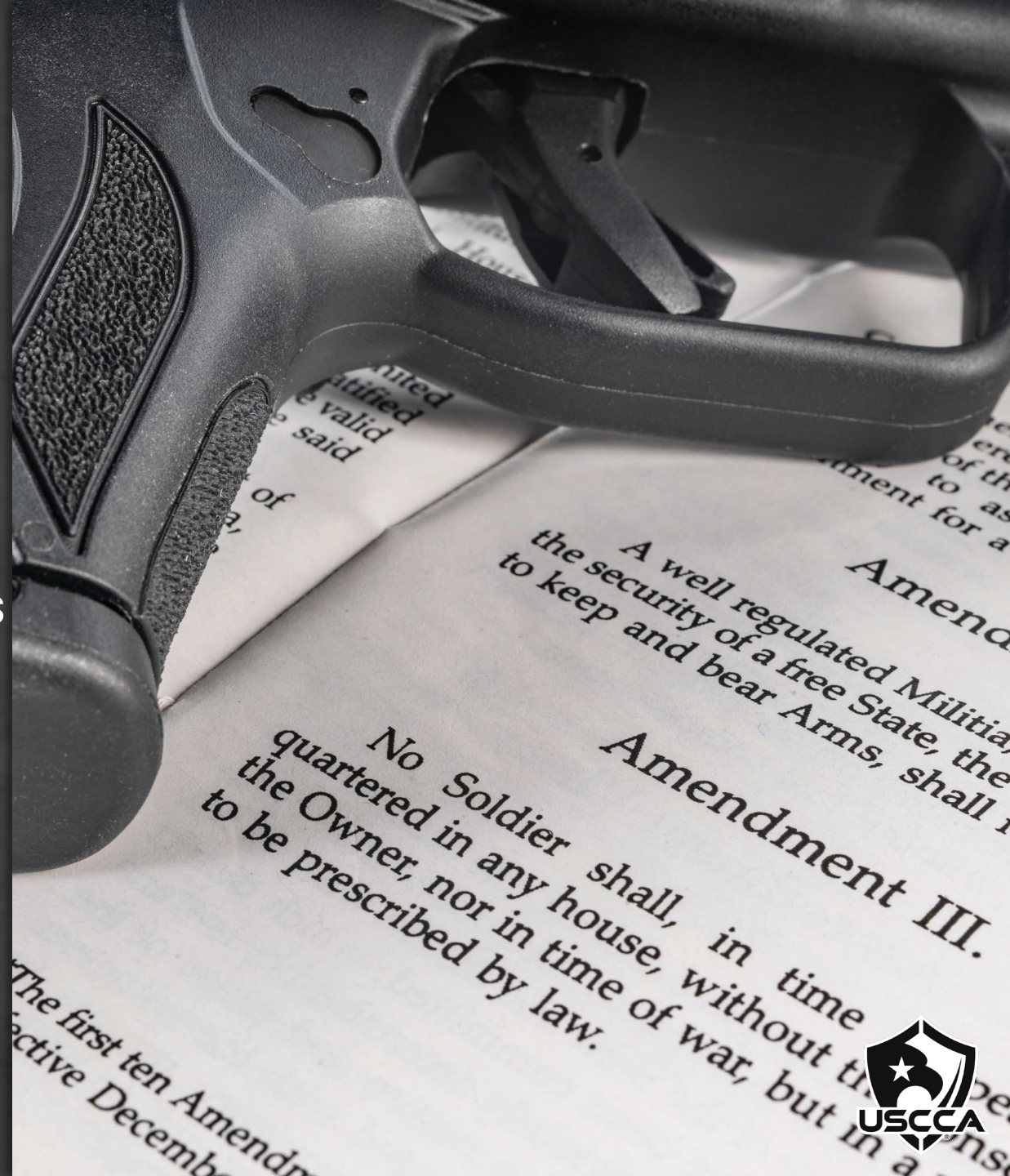
Key Topics

- Understanding Permitless Carry and Public Responsibility
- Situational Awareness and Prevention
- The Use of Force
- Understanding Deadly Force
- Responsibility and Continued Training

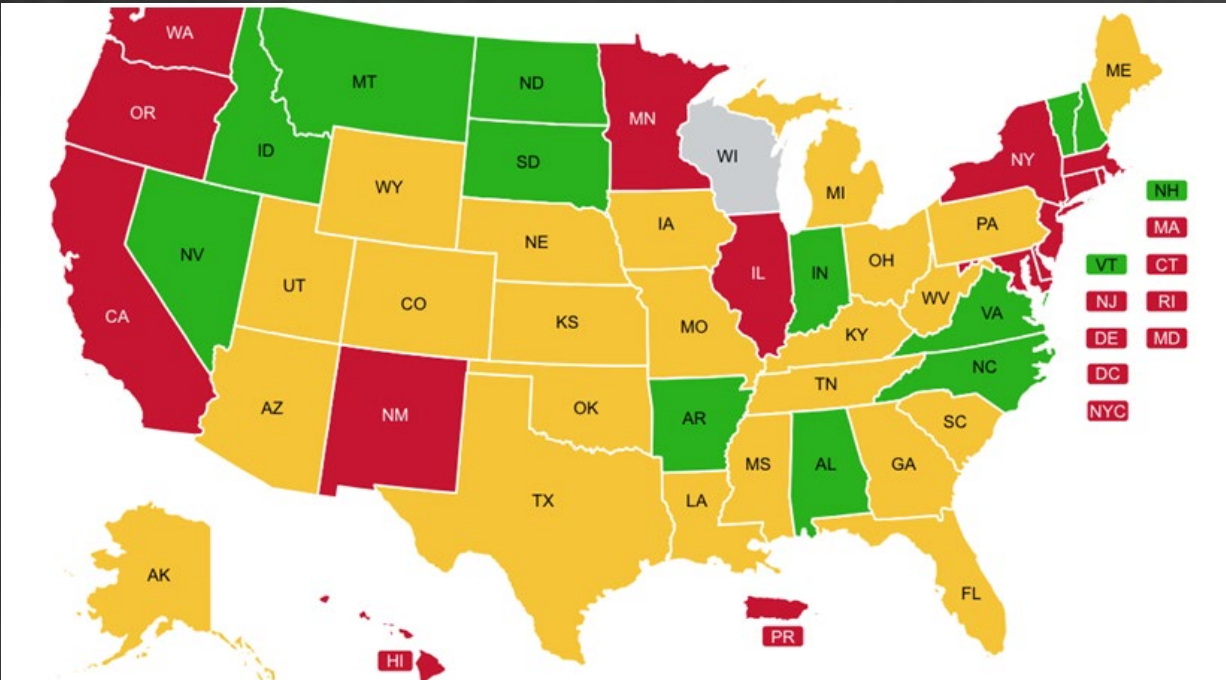


What Is Permitless Carry?

- Also known as “constitutional carry,” permitless carry allows you (if you’re an eligible adult) to carry a concealed firearm without obtaining a state-issued permit.
- You must still follow all applicable firearms and self-defense laws.



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USCCA Reciprocity Map



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Armed in Public

- Carrying a firearm is a serious responsibility.
- Legal and personal consequences apply.
- You'll be held to higher scrutiny and higher standards.
- Your decisions matter before, during and after an encounter.



Look, Listen and Trust Your Instincts



- **Look:** Stay alert for pre-threat indicators.
- **Listen:** Notice sounds that don't fit the environment.
- **Trust:** Pay attention to and trust your instincts, as they're often your first warning.

Pre-Threat Indicators



- **Appearance and behavior**

- Clothing or behavior that doesn't fit the setting
- Nervous, angry or overly focused expression
- Following, staring or closing distance
- Clenched fists or a bladed stance

- **Verbal indicators**

- Unusual requests (e.g., "Come with me," "Can you help me over here?")
- Attempts to start arguments or provoke responses



De-Escalation



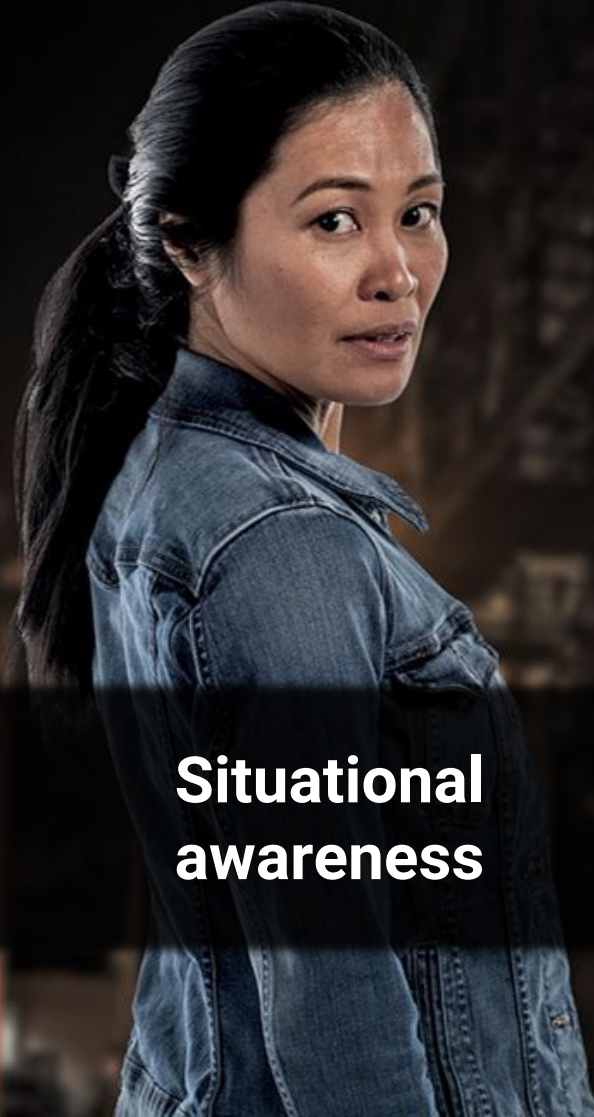
- Ask yourself, “Is this worth it?”
- Stay composed and respectful.
- Exit gracefully.

Using Force

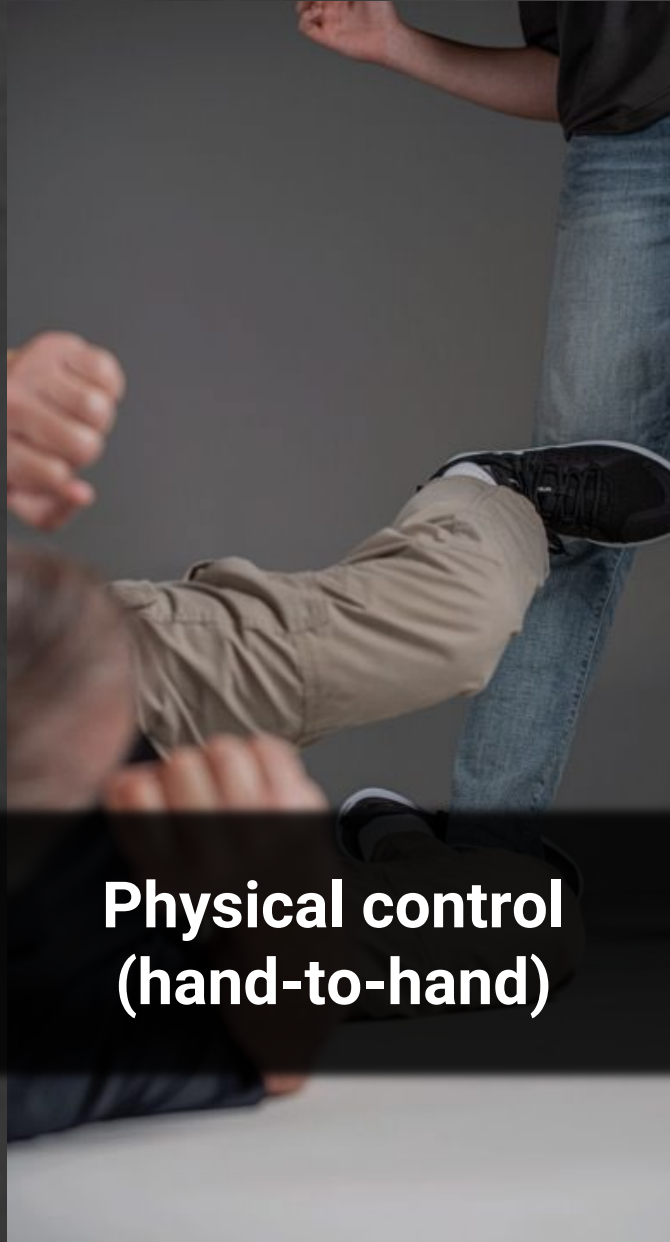


- Laws differ across the country.
- You must meet the “reasonable person” standard or test.
- Deadly force carries additional legal scrutiny.

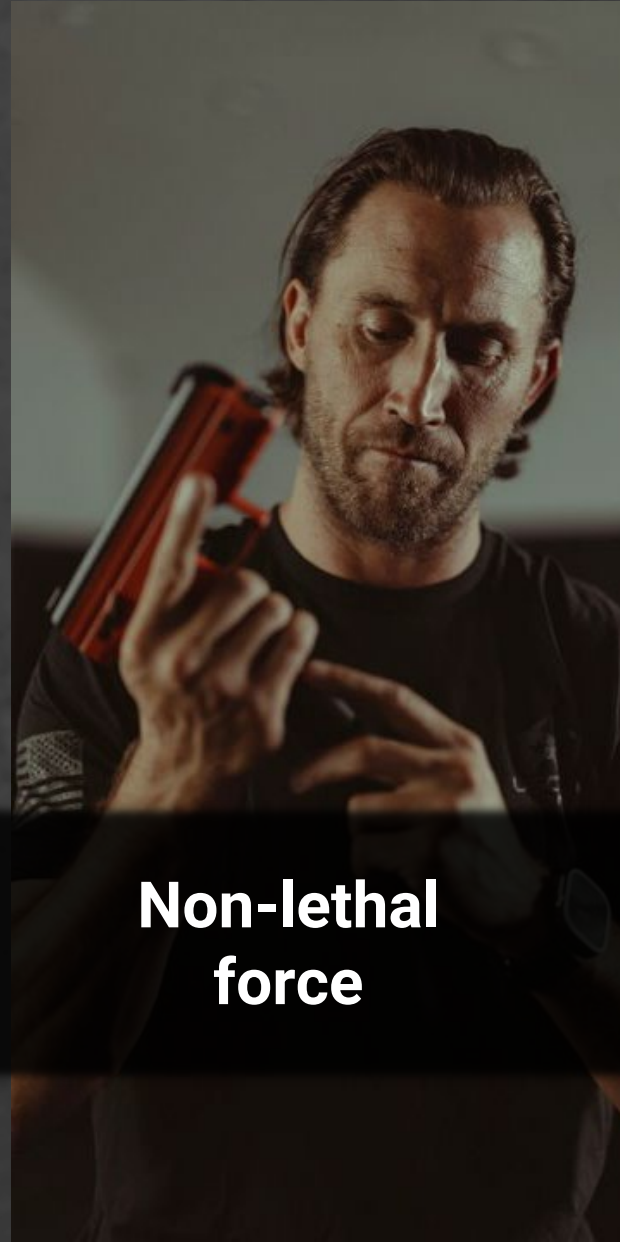
Use-of-Force Options



**Situational
awareness**



**Physical control
(hand-to-hand)**

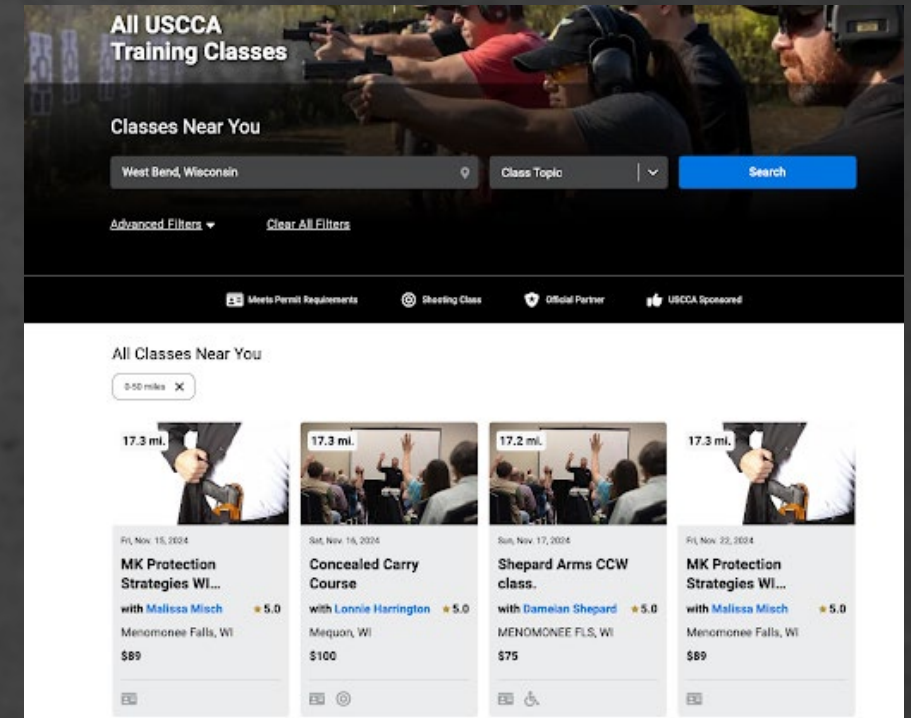
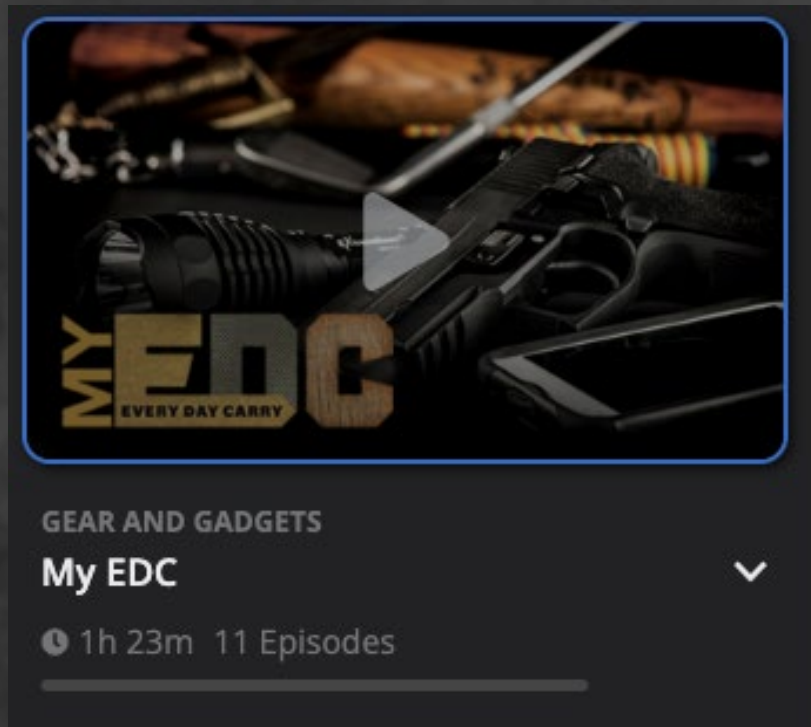


**Non-lethal
force**



Lethal force

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Reasonable Force

- Minimum necessary force
- Proportional response
- Legal burden



Deadly Force

- Deadly force is any action that is likely to cause — or is capable of causing — death, whether or not death occurs.
- Deadly force may only be used to stop an immediate and unavoidable threat of death or great bodily harm to an innocent person.
- It must be a last resort, used only when no other option exists.



Deadly Force and the Law

- Definitions differ by state.
- Your actions will be reviewed.
- Time pressure does not reduce legal scrutiny.



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Annual Liability

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Expenses

\$250,000
Bail Expense

Critical
Response Team



Justifiable Use of Force

- Deadly force is justified only when:
 - You face an immediate threat of death or great bodily harm
 - You are an innocent party
 - No lesser force will stop the threat
 - You have no safe means of retreat or escape



Immediacy

- The threat must be immediate, meaning it's happening right now.
- The threat must create a reasonable fear of death or great bodily harm.
 - “Great bodily harm” means a serious, life-threatening injury.



Innocence

- You must be an innocent party.
- You cannot be the one who started or escalated the conflict.



No Lesser Force Sufficient

- If you can stop the threat with less than deadly force, you must do so.
- You should use available skills or tools before escalating.
- Deadly force is justified only when no other option can stop the threat.



Unable to Escape

- You must have no safe means of retreat or escape.
- If escape is possible without increasing danger, you must take it.
- Know your state's laws, as Castle Doctrine and stand-your-ground laws vary by location.



Deadly Force Decision-Making

- Legal accountability
- Emotional and moral costs
- Risk versus reward
- Post-incident reality



Get a Permit/License

- Permit reciprocity
- Knowledge (non-negotiable)
- Personal accountability



Get Further Training

- Training never ends.
- Criminals adapt, so you should too.
- Legal knowledge is part of readiness.
- Mindset matters more than firepower.
- Train beyond the gun.





ACTIVITY

Build Your Training Plan



QUESTIONS?

NEXT STEPS



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