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### Wearing Masks & Concealed Carry Permits

(U//FOUO) West Virginia Department of Homeland Security (WVDHS) has received multiple inquiries as to how wearing a mask would impact a West Virginian's concealed carry status. WVDHS legal counsel has provided the following information as guidance regarding the wearing masks and those who have concealed carry permits.

(U//FOUO) West Virginia code 61-7-1-et seq, the Concealed Carry Article, is not impacted by a person wearing a mask. The only crimes which impact this are felony convictions.

(U//FOUO) West Virginia Code 61-6-22 would also not apply, as the masks, in this case, are being worn to protect during a civil emergency.

(U//FOUO) Other states may have different laws, so the reciprocity of these permits may be impacted by mask wearing in those states.

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