



California Department of Justice
Bureau of Firearms
Firearms Safety Certificate Certified Instructors
Advisory Number: 165
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SUBJECT: Notification of Firearm Safety Certificate (FSC) Materials Update in the Firearm Certification System (FCS)

The California Department of Justice, Bureau of Firearms, is providing this advisory to inform you of important updates to the Firearm Safety Certificate (FSC) materials available within the Firearm Certification System (FCS) and on the Attorney General's Website.

These updates reflect statutory changes enacted by Assembly Bill (AB) 1598 (Stats. 2023, ch. 248). In accordance with this legislation, revisions have been made to ensure FSC training materials align with current California law and best practices.

Updated Content Areas Include:

- Laws regarding the carrying and handling of firearms, particularly handguns.
- Responsibilities of firearm ownership.
- Legal requirements for private firearm sales and transfers.
- Laws concerning the permissible use of lethal force.
- Best practices for safe firearm storage.
- Risks associated with firearm ownership and bringing firearms into the home, including increased risk of suicide, homicide, or unintentional injury.
- Prevention strategies to mitigate those risks.
- Eligibility laws, including those related to gun violence restraining orders, domestic violence restraining orders, and privately manufactured firearms.

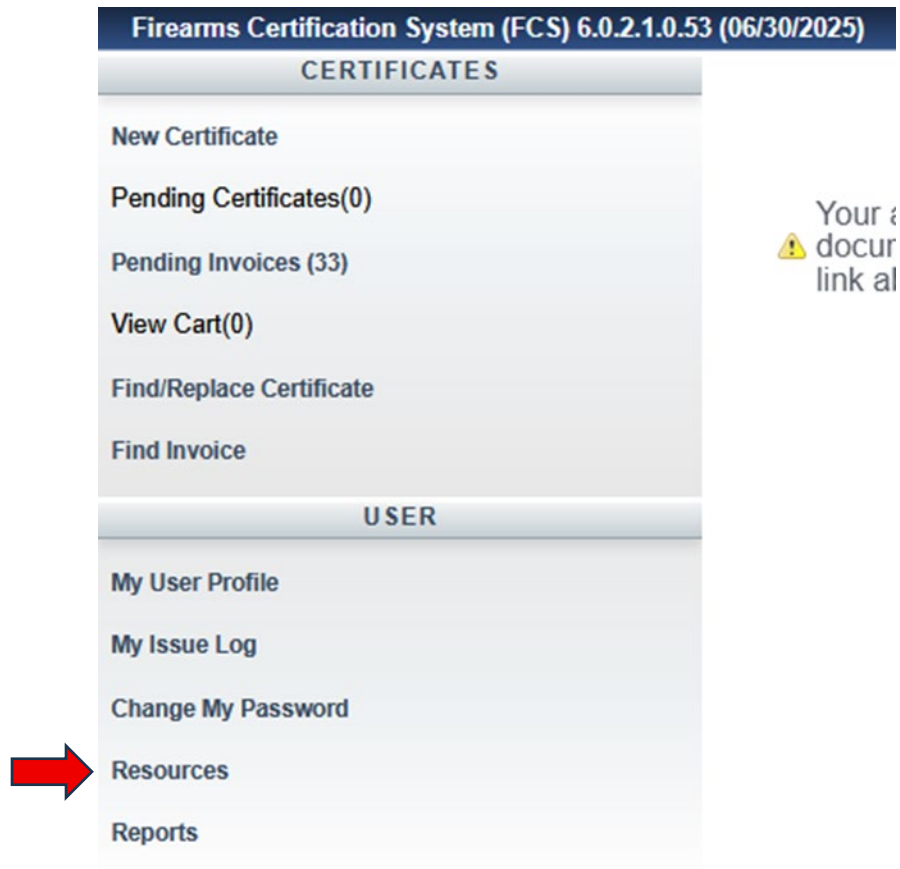
Updated FSC Materials:

- **New Item:** Pamphlet – Firearms Safety and Risks of Firearm Ownership
- Firearm Safety Certificate Manual
- Firearm Safety Study Guide
- Test Answer Key
- Test Answer Sheet
- Test Version 1
- Test Version 2
- Test Version 3

These updated materials are now available for download in the **FCS portal under the "Resources" tab.**



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The updated Firearms Safety Certificate Manual, Firearms Safety Certificate Study Guide, and the Firearms Safety and Risks of Firearm Ownership pamphlet can also be accessed at the following websites:

Firearms Safety Certificate Study Guide:

- <https://oag.ca.gov/firearms/fsc>
- <https://oag.ca.gov/firearms/fscfaq>
- <https://oag.ca.gov/firearms/forms>
- <https://oag.ca.gov/firearms/fscinfo>
- <https://oag.ca.gov/firearms/tips>

Firearms Safety Certificate Manual:

- <https://oag.ca.gov/firearms/fsc>
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Firearms Safety and Risk of Owning a Firearm Pamphlet:

- <https://oag.ca.gov/firearms/fsc>
- <https://oag.ca.gov/firearms/tips>
- <https://oag.ca.gov/firearms/fscinfo>

Note: Pursuant to Penal Code sections 34210 and 26866, firearm dealers are now required to distribute the Firearms Safety and Risk of Firearm Ownership pamphlet to the purchaser or transferee of a firearm at the start of the waiting period described in Sections 26815 and 27540.

Support and Contact Information:

For questions or assistance, please contact the Bureau of Firearms – Customer Support Center:

- **Phone:** (916) 210-2700
- **Email:** boffscprogram@doj.ca.gov

We appreciate your continued commitment to promoting firearm safety and ensuring compliance with California law.

Thank you for your attention to this important update.