

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES HUNTING PERMIT APPLICATION

Applying for a “Persons with Disabilities Hunting Permit” requires completion of an application form and a physician’s statement of disability form. It is very important that you completely describe, in your own words, your disability in the spaces provided. This will provide us with the information on how you need to hunt. Please describe the equipment you will be using, whether or not you need to hunt from a vehicle, and any other aspect of hunting that would otherwise be illegal.

Your physician must fill out the physician’s statement of disability form **completely**. Your physician must describe your disability in full. We must know the extent of your disability. The following list includes the types of facts that we need to know.

1. Walking difficulties: Can you walk? If so, how far? Are you confined to a wheelchair? Do you need crutches or other walking devices to walk? Does your medical condition (such as heart disease) limit walking? How far? What is the cause of your walking difficulties? Is your disability permanent?
2. Upper body problem: Do you have a weight-lifting limitation prescribed by your physician? Do you have problems holding and pulling a bow? If so, what are they and what is the cause? What joints are involved with movement problems? Is your condition or disability improved with medication? Is your disability permanent?

When completing the forms, please keep the following information in mind:

1. The physician’s statement of disability form **must be completed and signed by your physician**. It must be legible. If it is not legible, your application will be sent back to you.
2. In addition to completing the forms, please send any other supporting documentation, which may describe your physical problems, more completely.
3. **All forms must be originals (not faxes)**. Any copied forms will be sent back to you.
4. All forms must be completely filled out.
5. The processing time for the permit is 1-2 weeks.
6. The three most common persons with disabilities hunting permits issued are: hunting from a vehicle, using a vehicle for access (no hunting from a vehicle) and using a crossbow or draw-loc for deer hunting during archery season.
7. Disabled hunter permits can only be issued to those individuals who would have great difficulty or be unable to hunt without special privileges.

Please call the Permit Coordinator at (317) 232-4102 if you have any questions.