

KANSAS DEPT. OF WILDLIFE & PARKS

**INFORMATION ON DISABILITY PERMITS ISSUED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT
DIVISION**

The following permit is issued to help assist the disabled. There is no charge for the permit but a big game permit and hunting and /or fishing license is still required unless exempt by Kansas law.

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE PERMIT

32-933. Physical or visual disability; assistance permit. (a) Any person having a permanent physical or visual disability such that the person cannot safely hunt or fish in accordance with law and rules and regulations of the department, as certified by a person licensed to practice the healing arts in any state or a person licensed to practice optometry in any state, shall be eligible to obtain a disability assistance permit. The permit shall allow the permit holder to designate another person to take, on behalf of and while accompanied by the permit holder, the permit holder's legal limit of game or fish. The person designated by the permit holder shall not be required to hold any licenses, permits, stamps or any other issues of the department otherwise required for the activity being engaged in but shall remain subject to all other laws and rules and regulations of the department for the activity being engaged in. The permit holder shall accompany into the field and be in close proximity to the person designated by the permit holder. The person designated by the permit holder shall not be a person whose fishing, hunting or furharvesting license is currently suspended, restricted or revoked. On the determination of the secretary, the disability assistance permit may designate the hunting or fishing activity for which assistance to the permit holder may be provided.

(b) The secretary shall adopt, in accordance with K.S.A. 32-805, and amendments thereto, rules and regulations providing for the approval of applicants for permits pursuant to subsection (a) and for the issuance of such permits.

(c) Falsely obtaining or using a permit authorized by this section is a class C misdemeanor.

History: L. 1997, ch. 127, sec. 2; L. 2002, ch. 96, sec. 3; L. 2004, ch. 75, sec. 1; July 1.

115-18-15. Disability assistance permit; application, permit, and general provisions. (a) Any person who has a permanent physical or visual disability making that person eligible to receive a disability assistance permit and who desires to obtain a permit shall apply to the secretary. Each applicant shall provide the following information:

(1) name of applicant;

(2) address;

(3) a physician=s or an optometrist=s signed report, either on a form provided by the department or on the physician=s or optometrist=s letterhead, describing the permanent disability, certifying the applicant cannot safely hunt or fish without assistance in accordance with law and rules and regulations of the department because of this disability, and indicating the hunting or fishing activities that the applicant is physically or visually unable to safely perform without assistance in accordance with law and rules and regulations of the department; and

(4) other information, as required by the secretary.

(b) An applicant may be required by the secretary to obtain, at department expense, a report from a second physician or optometrist, as appropriate, chosen by the secretary.

(c) A disability assistance permit may be refused issuance or may be revoked by the secretary for any of the following reasons.

(1) The physical disability does not meet qualifications.

- (2) The application is incomplete or contains false information.
- (3) The physical disability under which the disability assistance permit was issued no longer exists.
- (d) The disability assistance permit shall indicate the hunting or fishing activity or activities for which the permit is valid.
- (e) The disability assistance permit shall be valid from the date of issuance until and unless revoked by the secretary.
- (f) In addition to other penalties prescribed by law, a disability assistance permit shall be invalid from the date of issuance if obtained by an individual through misrepresentation or unauthorized application. (Authorized by K.S.A. 32-807 and L. 1997, Ch. 127, Sec. 2; implementing L. 1997, Ch. 127, Sec. 2; effective, T-115-9-9-97, Sept. 9, 1997; effective Dec. 29, 1997.

NO FEE

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND PARKS
DISABILITY ASSISTANCE PERMIT APPLICATION

(Authorized by K.S.A. 32-933 and K.A.R. 115-18-15)

Name of Applicant _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address _____ SSN: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone: () _____

K.S.A. 32-933 provides, in part: "any person having a permanent physical or visual disability such that the person cannot safely hunt or fish in accordance with law and rules and regulations of the department, as certified by a person licensed to practice optometry or medicine and surgery in any state, shall be eligible to obtain a disability assistance permit. The permit shall allow the permit holder to designate another person to take, on behalf or and while accompanied by the permit holder, the permit holder's legal limit of game and fish."

Generally, providing assistance to a hunter or angler is not prohibited by state hunting and fishing laws or regulations. Only when the assistance results in the person providing the assistance actually taking the fish or game (e.g. aiming and firing the rifle, reeling in the fish, ect.) would the assistance violate state law or regulation. Persons requiring this level of assistance due to a permanent physical or visual disability may receive a Disability Assistance Permit, so that a designated person may legally provide the needed assistance (recognizing) that this form of assistance means the designated person is effectively taking the permit holder's legal limit of fish or game.

This permit application is not intended to be a complete statement of applicable laws or regulations. Please contact the Department of Wildlife and Parks if additional information is required.

Name of Physician or Optometrist: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone: () _____

Type of permanent disability (explain in layman's terms) _____

Activity for which a permit is required (e.g. aim and fire firearm, draw and release bow, cast and reel, etc.)

I hereby certify that the above is correct and true, that I am certified to practice optometry or medicine and surgery, and further that it is my opinion that the applicant cannot safely hunt or fish (as described above) in accordance with laws and rules and regulations of the department due to this permanent physical or visual disability.

Signature of Physician or Optometrist: _____ Date: _____

I hereby certify that the above is correct and true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Any person requiring special assistance in completing this application may request assistance by calling the Department of Wildlife and Parks at (620) 672-5911. Additional pages may be attached as necessary. Applications containing all of the information of this department form will be accepted.

Falsely obtaining or using a permit is a Class C Misdemeanor

Are you behind in paying any court ordered child support? _____

Please send completed application to: Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks
Attn: Law Enforcement Division
512 SE 25th Ave.
Pratt, KS 67124