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Alabama	Yes	Relocation business or removal from others' properties	Nuisance Wildlife Control Operator Permit	no fee, no training, www.outdooralabama.gov or contact local district office	
		Relocation of protected species	Protected Species Permit	no fee, no training, 334-242-3469	
Arizona	Yes	Relocation business or commercial services	Wildlife Service License	initial fee: \$245, renewal fee: \$95 (valid until the third Dec. from the date issued), no training offered but applicant must obtain min. 6 months of experience, https://www.azgfd.com/license/speciallicense/wildlifservice/	
		Relocation as a volunteer	No permit required	N/A	
Arkansas	Yes	Relocation of any kind	No permit required	N/A	
California	Yes	Relocation of any kind	Scientific Collector's Permit	\$410 for 3 years or \$137 per year, no training required but applicant must demonstrate qualifications, https://wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Scientific-Collecting	
Colorado	Yes, but not all species	Relocation of any kind beyond same property	Scientific Collector's License	\$29.13 (valid until Dec. 31 of year issued), no training, https://cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/SWL-Applications.aspx	Rattlesnakes are typically not allowed to be relocated beyond the same property. Contact the appropriate regional office.
Connecticut	Yes	Relocation of all non-venomous snakes or copperheads beyond same property	Nuisance Wildlife Control Operator License	\$250 (valid for 2 years), certification course and exam required, https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Wildlife/Nuisance-Wildlife/How-to-Become-a-NWCO	

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		Relocation of Rat snakes (<i>Pantherophis alleghaniensis</i>)	Nuisance Wildlife Control Operator Special Permit	no fee, but Nuisance Wildlife Control Operator License required (see above)	
		Relocation of Timber Rattlesnakes (<i>Crotalus horridus</i>)	Scientific Collector's Permit	\$25 (valid for 3 years), training offered but not required, https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DEEP/wildlife/forms_applications/collectwildpdf.pdf	
Delaware	Yes	Relocation of any kind	Nuisance Wildlife Control Certification and Permit	certification exam: \$250 (valid for 5 years), annual permit: no fee (valid for one year), https://firststeps.delaware.gov/nuisance_wildlife/ or Jessica.Haggerty@Delaware.gov or 302-735-3600	
		Relocation of native, non-venomous species	No permit required	N/A	
Florida	Yes, but not all species	Relocation of venomous species	License to Possess or Exhibit Venomous Reptiles (VRC)	\$100 (valid for 1 year), 1000 hours of experience per family of snake required, no training offered, https://myfwc.com/license/captive-wildlife/venomous/	
		Removal of prohibited non-native species	Eradication and Control Permit	no fee (valid for 1 year), no training, nonnativepermitappss@myfwc.com	These species cannot be relocated and must be brought to the permittee's designated control site to be euthanized within 24 hours of capture.
Georgia	Yes	Relocation business or commercial services	Nuisance Wildlife Control Operator License and Commercial Trapping License	\$45 (valid until March 31 of year issued), certification exam required, https://gadnrle.org/sites/default/files/le/pdf/Special-Permits/Nuisance%20Wildlife%20Control%20Application%20Packet.pdf or 770-918-6408	
		Relocation as a volunteer	No permit required	N/A	

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Idaho	Yes	An individual's safety or property is threatened	No permit required	N/A	
		An individual's safety or property is NOT threatened AND <4 native, wild caught snakes are in possession	Idaho Hunting License	\$15.75 (valid for 1 year) or \$34.75 (valid for 3 years), no training, https://idfg.idaho.gov/licenses	
		An individual's safety or property is NOT threatened AND ≥4 native, wild caught snakes are in possession	Idaho Hunting License AND Idaho Captive Permit	Hunting License: \$15.75 (valid for 1 year) or \$34.75 (valid for 3 years), Captive Permit: \$23.50 (valid for 3 years), no training, https://idfg.idaho.gov/licenses	
Illinois	No, relocation only allowed for research purposes	Research as part of an accredited educational or research facility	Illinois Department of Natural Resources Permit	no fee (validity time of permit varies), no training required but must belong to accredited educational or research facility, https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs5.asp?ActID=3563&ChapterID=41 or Scott.Ballard@illinois.gov	
Indiana	Yes	Relocation business or commercial services or relocation of endangered species	Nuisance Wild Animal Control Permit	\$25 (valid until Dec. 31 of the year issued), certification exam required, https://www.in.gov/dnr/fish-and-wildlife/licenses-and-permits/permits-commercial-licenses/ or 317-233-6527 or LPetercheff@dnr.in.gov	
		Relocation as a volunteer	Indiana Hunting License OR Indiana Fishing License	Fishing License: \$25 (valid for one year), Hunting License: \$20 (valid for one year), no training, https://www.in.gov/dnr/fish-and-wildlife/indiana-fish-and-wildlife-online-license-system/	

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Iowa	Yes	Removal of snake by homeowner off property if there is an imminent threat to human safety	No permit required	N/A	
		Relocation as a volunteer, business, or commercial services	Wildlife Nuisance Control Operator Permit	\$25 (valid through Jan. 10), certification exam required, https://www.iowadnr.gov/Hunting/Landowner-Assistance	
		Relocation of threatened or endangered species	Wildlife Nuisance Control Operator Permit AND approval from DNR director	\$25 (valid through Jan. 10), certification exam required, https://www.iowadnr.gov/Hunting/Landowner-Assistance	
Kansas	Yes	Relocation of any kind	No permit required	N/A	
Kentucky	Yes	Relocation of Copperbelly Water Snakes (<i>Nerodia erythrogaster neglecta</i>)	Permission from the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commissioner	no fee, no training, https://fw.ky.gov/More/Pages/District-Commission-Members.aspx	
		Relocation of all species except Copperbelly Water Snakes (<i>Nerodia erythrogaster neglecta</i>)	No permit required	N/A	
Louisiana	Yes	Relocation business or commercial services	Hunting License AND Trapping License AND Fishing License AND Nuisance Wildlife Control Operator (NWCO) Permit	Hunting License: \$20, Trapping License: \$32.50, Fishing License: \$17 (valid for one year), NWCO: No fee, no training, https://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/page/recreational-fishing-licenses-and-permits	

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		Relocation as a volunteer	Louisiana Fishing License	\$17 (valid for one year), no training, https://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/page/recreational-fishing-licenses-and-permits	
		Relocation of venomous species or constrictors over 8 feet	Restricted Snake Permit	no fee, no training, valid until Dec. 31 of year issued, klejeune@wlf.la.gov or 337-735-8676	
Maine	Yes	Relocation of any kind	Animal Damage Control Permit	no fee (valid for two years), certification course and exam required, https://www.maine.gov/ifw/about/contact/index.html	
Maryland	Yes	Relocation of any kind	Wildlife Damage Control Permit OR Scientific Collector's Permit	Wildlife Damage Control Permit: \$25 (valid for one year), Scientific Collector's Permit: \$10 (valid for one year), written test required for Wildlife Damage Control Permit and specialized training for venomous snake handling required, https://dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/pages/licenses/nuisancecoop.aspx	
Massachusetts	Yes	Relocation of any kind	Scientific Collector's Permit or written letter of authorization from the director of Massachusetts Department of Fish and Wildlife	no fee (valid for one year), no training required but only qualified people are permitted, michael.t.jones@mass.gov	
		Relocation of non-protected species as a volunteer	Recreational Fishing License	\$26, no training, https://www.mdnr-elicense.com/	
Michigan	Yes	Relocation business or commercial services	Scientific Collector's Permit	no fee (valid until Dec. 31 of the year issued), no training, www.michigan.gov/scientificcollectorspermit	
		Relocation of species of special concern	Scientific Collector's Permit	no fee (valid until Dec. 31 of the year issued), no training, www.michigan.gov/scientificcollectorspermit	

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		Relocation of threatened or endangered species	Threatened and Endangered Species Permit	no fee (valid for up to 3 years), no training, reitzc@michigan.gov	
Minnesota	Yes	Relocation of non-protected species	Non-game Removal Permit	no fee (valid for one year), no training, https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/permits/animals/index.html	
		Relocation of threatened or endangered species	Threatened and Endangered Species Permit	no fee (valid for one year), no training, https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/nhnrp/endangered_permits.html#:~:text=A%20permit%20is%20required%20to,assessment%20of%20all%20relevant%20information.	
		Relocation of Timber Rattlesnakes (<i>Crotalus horridus</i>)	Timber Rattlesnake Relocation Permit	no fee, permit and training are available to a small group of professionals that work in areas with Timber Rattlesnake (<i>Crotalus horridus</i>) conflicts. Permit only available for park officials, conservation officers, biologists, city employees, etc.	
Mississippi	Yes	Relocation of non-protected species	Small Game Hunting/Freshwater Fishing License	\$12.29, no training, https://www.mdwfp.com/license/ or Scott Peyton: (601)576-6060	
		Relocation of protected species or possession of any species beyond legal possession limits	Scientific Collector's Permit	\$1, no training, https://www.mdwfp.com/museum/seek-study/permits/scientific-collecting/	
Missouri	Yes	Relocation of any kind	No permit required but snakes must be relocated in accordance with the instructions of an agent of the Missouri Department of Conservation.	local agents for the Missouri Department of Conservation: https://mdc.mo.gov/contact-engage/local-mdc-contacts	

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Montana	No	Relocation of any kind	N/A	N/A	
Nebraska	Yes	Relocation of any kind	No permit required	N/A	
Nevada	Yes	Relocation of any kind	Permit for the Release of Live Wildlife	no fee, no training required but can be provided through jljones@ndow.org , https://www.ndow.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Instructions-Permit-for-the-Release-of-Live-Wildlife-ADA.pdf	
New Hampshire	Yes	Relocation of ≤ 2 individuals of species NOT of greatest conservation need	No permit required	N/A	These animals may be relocated on the property owned by the 'capturing' landowner or to another property with written landowner permission prior to release.
		Relocation of a species of greatest conservation need	Scientific Collector's Permit	\$25 (valid through end of calendar year), no training, brendan.clifford@wildlife.nh.gov or https://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/licensing/forms.html	
New Jersey	Yes	Relocation of endangered species	Endangered Species Permit	\$7 (valid for one year), no training, https://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/pdf/xotic_endapp.pdf	
		Relocation of venomous species	Authorization letter from Fish and Wildlife's Endangered & Nongame Species Program	no fee (valid for one year), training is provided by F&W Endangered & Nongame Species Program, https://nj.gov/dep/fgw/contact.htm	
		Relocation on construction site	Scientific Collector's Permit	\$22 (valid for one year), no training, https://nj.gov/dep/fgw/scicolperm.htm	
New Mexico	Yes, but not all species	Relocation business or commercial services	Commercial Collecting Permit	\$50 (valid until April 1 of year issued), no training, DGF.permits@state.nm.us or https://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/enforcement/special-use-permits/	Prohibited from take: New Mexico Ridge-nosed Rattlesnake (<i>Crotalus willardi obscurus</i>), Mottled Rock Rattlesnake (<i>Crotalus lepidus</i>)

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		Relocation of any kind by non-residents	Nongame Hunting License and appropriate land stamps	\$65 (valid until April 1 of year issued), no training, https://onlinesales.wildlife.state.nm.us/	
		Relocation as a volunteer	No permit required	N/A	
		An individual's safety or property is threatened	No permit required but must be reported to NMAC within 30 days	N/A	
New York	Yes	Relocation of non-protected, non-venomous species as a business/commercial service or as a volunteer	Nuisance Wildlife Control Operator License	\$50 for general, no fee for municipal license (valid for one year), certification exam required, https://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/28635.html or Special Licenses@dec.ny.gov or 518-402-8985	Non-venomous snakes should be moved only as far as appropriate habitat on the property away from the dwelling they are removed from. Venomous snakes should be moved only as far as it is safe from immediate danger to the snake, and no more than 200m. If a non-listed, non-venomous species is naturally existing outside of the home, a NWCO cannot relocate the animal without a special permit from the NYSDEC, which may be denied if there is no reason to move the animal. The special permit would need to be obtained by the landowner.
		Relocation of endangered or threatened species	Endangered/Threatened Species-Scientific License	no fee, training/experience required for venomous snakes, https://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/25012.html ; Special Licenses@dec.ny.gov; 518-402-8985	
North Carolina	Yes	Relocation as a volunteer	Wildlife Collector's License	\$12 (valid for one year), no training, https://www.ncwildlife.org/Licensing/Other-Licenses-and-Permits/Wildlife-Collection	
		Relocation business or commercial services	Wildlife Control Agent License	\$150 initially, \$50 renewal fee each year after, certification course and exam required, https://www.ncwildlife.org/WCA	

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		Relocation of endangered or threatened species	Endangered Species Permit	\$10 (valid for one year), no training required but relevant experience required, https://www.ncwildlife.org/Licensing/Other-Licenses-and-Permits/Endangered-Species-Permit	
North Dakota	Yes	Relocation of any kind	No permit required	N/A	
Ohio	Yes	Relocation business or commercial services	Commercial Nuisance Wild Animal Control Operator Permit	\$40 (valid for one year), certification exam required, https://ohiodnr.gov/buy-and-apply/regulatory-permits/commercial-wildlife-permits/nuisance-wild-animal-control-operator	
		Relocation of endangered or threatened species or "collectable" reptiles	Scientific Collector's Permit OR Chief's Letter Permit	Scientific Collector's: \$25 (valid for one year), no training required but relevant experience must be provided, https://ohiodnr.gov/buy-and-apply/special-use-permits/collecting-research/scientific-collecting-wild-animals , Chief's Letter: no fee but relevant experience must be provided, https://ohiodnr.gov/discover-and-learn/safety-conservation/about-ODNR/wildlife/documents-publications/permits	
Oklahoma	Yes	Relocation as a volunteer	Oklahoma Hunting License	\$25, no training, https://www.wildlifedepartment.com/licensing/other-permits-and-licenses or (405) 521-3852	
		Relocation business or commercial services	Nuisance Wildlife Control Operator's Permit	\$75 (valid for one year), certification exam required, training provided at http://wildlifecontroltraining.com , https://www.wildlifedepartment.com/licensing/other-permits-and-licenses or (405) 521-3852	
		Relocation of protected species	Scientific Collector's License	\$10 (valid for one year), no training, https://www.wildlifedepartment.com/licensing/other-permits-and-licenses , (405) 521-3852	

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Oregon	Yes	Relocation of any kind	No permit required	N/A	
Pennsylvania	Yes, but not all species	Relocation of non-venomous, non-protected species	Fishing License	\$22.97 (valid for one year), no training, https://www.fishandboat.com/Fish/FishingLicense/Pages/BuyAFishingLicense.aspx	Relocation of following species not permitted: Timber Rattlesnake (<i>Crotalus horridus</i>), Eastern Copperhead (<i>Agkistrodon contortrix</i>), Eastern Massasauga (<i>Sistrurus catenatus</i>), Rough-greensnake (<i>Opheodrys aestivus aestivus</i>), Kirtland's Snake (<i>Clonophis kirtlandii</i>)
		Relocation of venomous species (from second Saturday of June through July 31)	Venomous Snake Permit	\$30 (valid for one year), training required and comes through apprenticing with "qualified surveyors", https://www.fishandboat.com/Resource/AmphibiansandReptiles/Documents/timber-conserve/TR-Surveyors.pdf	
		Relocation of venomous species (from August 1 to second Saturday of June)	Scientific Collector's Permit (government employees), Type 3 Scientific Collectors' Permit (consulting)	Scientific Collector's: No fee (valid for one year), Type 3 Scientific Collector's: \$180 (valid for one year), training required and comes through apprenticing with "qualified surveyors"; https://www.fishandboat.com/Resource/AmphibiansandReptiles/Documents/timber-conserve/TR-Surveyors.pdf or https://www.fishandboat.com/Resource/Pages/ScientificCollector.aspx	
Rhode Island	Yes	Relocation of any kind	Nuisance Wildlife Control Specialist License	\$25 (valid for one year), certification exam required, DEM.DFW@dem.ri.gov or 401-789-0281	Ideally relocations are done in coordination with a DFW wildlife biologist, who can be reached at DEM.DFW@dem.ri.gov or 401-789-0281.
South Carolina	Yes, but not all species	Relocation of non-protected species	No permit required	N/A	Southern Hognose Snake (<i>Heterodon simus</i>) is the only species that is protected and cannot be relocated
South Dakota	Yes	Relocation of non-threatened, non-endangered species	No permit required	N/A	

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		Relocation of threatened or endangered species	Endangered Species Permit	No fee, no training required, https://gfp.sd.gov/forms/endangeredspecies/	
Tennessee	Yes, but not all species	Relocation of non-venomous, non-protected species	Nuisance Animal Damage Control Permit	No fee (valid through June 30th of year issued), training or apprenticeship required, https://www.tn.gov/twra/law-enforcement/wildlife-damage-control.html	Prohibited to relocate: Rough Earth Snake (<i>Virginia striatula</i>), Kirtland's Snake (<i>Clonophis kirtlandii</i>), Western Ribbonsnake (<i>Thamnophis proximus proximus</i>); Venomous snakes prohibited to relocate and must be euthanized on site in compliance with the euthanasia guidelines from the American Veterinarian Medical Association.
Texas	Yes	Relocation of any kind	Hunting License	\$25 (valid through August 31 of year issued), no training, https://tpwd.texas.gov/regulations/outdoor-annual/licenses/hunting-licenses-and-permits/hunting-licenses	
Utah	Yes	Relocation of any kind	Certificate of Registration	\$10, no training, https://wildlife.utah.gov/licenses/certificates-of-registration.html	
Vermont	Yes	Relocation of threatened or endangered species	Must be a member of Vermont's Rattlesnake Response Program (which operates under the state representative's T&E Species Takings Permit)	no fee, training is required and done on an individual basis, Rattlesnake Response Program volunteers train new volunteers as needed, luke.groff@vermont.gov	
Virginia	Yes, but not all species	Relocation of all species within the same city/county or an adjoining city/county	Commercial Nuisance Animal Provider Permit	\$75 (valid for one year), training required, https://dwr.virginia.gov/forms-download/PERM/PERM-nuisance.pdf	Citizens may possess up to one of each species of native snake, except for Timber Rattlesnakes (<i>Crotalus horridus</i>).

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Washington	Yes	Relocation of any kind	Wildlife Control Operator License AND State Trapper Certification	WCO License: \$50 (valid for 3 years), certification exam required, and minimum 2 years of relevant experience required, https://wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/living/nuisance-wildlife/wildlife-control-operators/faq#faq OR https://wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/requirements/education/trapping	
West Virginia	Yes	Relocation business or commercial services	Wildlife Damage Control Agent License	\$10, training and exam required, wvdnr.gov or contact local WVDNR District Office	
Wisconsin	Yes	Relocation of endangered or threatened species	Endangered/Threatened Species Permit	\$100 (valid for 5 years), no training required but relevant experience required, https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/endangeredresources/permits.html	
		Long distance relocation (>1/2 miles) or long holding times (24 hours) for non-listed species	Scientific Research License	\$25 (valid for one year), no training required but relevant experience required, https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/endangeredresources/permits.html	
Wyoming	Yes	Relocation of any kind	No permit required	N/A	