

34.06.02.C1 Carrying Concealed Handguns on Campus

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Rule Statement

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi recognizes and enforces state law regulating firearms on campus.

Reason for Rule

Senate Bill No. 11 was passed by the Texas Legislature, signed into law on June 16, 2015, and made effective August 1, 2016. This bill added a new section to Chapter 411 of the Texas Government Code.

Procedures and Responsibilities

1. The university president has established this rule after consulting with Texas A&M-Corpus Christi students, staff, and faculty of A&M-Corpus Christi about the nature of the student population, specific safety considerations, and the uniqueness of the campus environment. These rules were reviewed by the system board of regents as required by law.
2. A handgun license holder under Chapter 411, Texas Government Code, may carry a concealed handgun on or about the license holder's person while the license holder is on the University campus or in a University vehicle, unless prohibited by state or federal law, or this rule. The open carrying of a handgun on campus is prohibited. Licensed peace officers are authorized by law to carry firearms at all times.
3. The University enforces state law regulating firearms on campus. This enforcement occurs in two ways. First, university police or other applicable law enforcement agencies will investigate and take appropriate action, including referral for criminal prosecution when violations occur. Second, the University will consider any violation of state law regulating firearms to be a violation of the University rules. Accordingly, such a violation is subject to disciplinary action under rules applicable to students, staff, and faculty.

4. On-Campus Residential Facilities

The University does not own and operate or lease and operate the residential facilities located on campus. Therefore, the management company of the residential facilities determines the restrictions on possession and storage of weapons in those facilities and lists those restrictions in its lease documents. The management company of on-campus residential facilities will notify the University of those restrictions by August 1 of each year.

5. Rules Applicable to Carrying a Concealed Handgun on Campus

5.1 State Law Prohibitions.

A license holder is responsible for complying with the applicable state law prohibitions. See Appendix.

5.2 Federal Law Prohibitions.

A license holder is responsible for complying with the applicable federal law prohibitions.

5.3 Other Prohibited Campus Premises. A license holder is also prohibited from carrying a concealed handgun on the following campus premises.

- (1) Blanche Davis Moore Early Childhood Development Center Complex (ECDC, Math and Science Education Center, school playground)
- (2) University Health Center
- (3) University Counseling Center
- (4) The following laboratories:
 - (a) Pathogenic Materials (BSL-2 and higher laboratories)
 - (b) Strong Magnetic Hazard
 - (c) High Pressure, Cryogenic and Flammable Gases
- (5) The following athletic premises while an interscholastic or collegiate sporting event is taking place, or while used for recreational sports programming:
 - (a) Thomas J. Henry Tennis Center
 - (b) Dr. Jack Dugan Family Soccer & Track Stadium Complex
 - (c) Chapman Baseball and Softball Complex
 - (d) Dugan Wellness Center: Gym (Room 134), Locker Rooms 123-126, and Exercise Rooms 133, 240, 243, and 248

- (e) Island Hall Gym (Room 136), Exercise Rooms 137 and 141, Exercise Labs 139, 142, and 146, Locker Rooms 173, 178, 179, Corridor 167, and Track 258
 - (f) Field House
 - (g) Momentum Campus Recreational Sports Building
 - (h) American Bank Center and other facilities when leased for collegiate sporting events
- (6) The following offices, meeting rooms, and facilities:
- (a) Office of Judicial Affairs
 - (b) Specific premises in which formal hearings are being conducted pursuant to university rules or procedures for faculty and staff disciplinary matters, student conduct proceedings, and academic grievances.
 - (c) Any campus premises where Pre-K through Grade 12 Camps are occurring.
 - (d) Any campus premises where UIL or similarly sponsored interscholastic events are occurring.
- (7) Any premises where the university, as directed or approved by the president as necessary for campus safety, gives effective notice on a temporary basis pursuant to Section 30.06, Penal Code. For this rule, the term “owner of the property” in Section 30.06(b), Penal Code, means the president of the university. No university employee is “someone with apparent authority to act for the owner” for purposes of Section 30.06(b), Penal Code. All notices under Section 30.06, Penal Code, will be institutional notice, conform to Sections 46.03 and 46.035, Penal Code, and apply equally to all handgun license holders.
- (8) The University leases premises to certain businesses such as banks, bookstores, etc. The management company of the leased facilities determines the restrictions on possession of weapons in those facilities and displays those restrictions pursuant to Section 30.06, Penal Code. The management company of the leased facilities will notify the University of those restrictions by August 1 of each year.
6. At all premises where concealed carry is prohibited, the University must give effective notice under Section 30.06, Penal Code. The University Police Department is to be contacted for questions about signage or to acquire signs.
7. Concealed carry is permitted on campus in a public or private driveway, street, sidewalk or walkway, parking lot, parking garage, or other parking area.
8. Once this rule is established, the campus space management committee will annually review it and propose changes as necessary to the university president.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

Definitions

Campus - means all land and buildings owned or leased by Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

On-campus residential facilities – on-campus housing not owned and operated or leased and operated by the university.

Interscholastic event – means a function or program existing or done between schools not including a collegiate sporting event.

Premises – means a building or portion of a building. The term does not include any public or private driveway, street, sidewalk or walkway, parking lot, parking garage, or other parking area.

Appendix

[Texas Statutory Prohibitions](#)

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