



## **34.06.02.K1 Carrying Concealed Handguns on Campus**

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### **Rule Statement**

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This rule is designed to promote knowledge about the permissible concealed carrying of handguns and to provide information relative to those areas on campus where concealed carry is excluded.

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### **Reason for Rule**

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This rule is established pursuant to Texas Government Code 411.2031.

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### **Procedures and Responsibilities**

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1. The President of Texas A&M University-Kingsville (TAMUK) established this rule after consulting with Texas A&M University-Kingsville students, staff and faculty about the nature of the student population, specific safety considerations, and the uniqueness of the campus environment. This rule has been reviewed and approved 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 TAMUK campus or in a TAMUK 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. TAMUK 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, Texas A&M University-Kingsville will consider any violation of state law regulating firearms to be a violation of Texas A&M University-Kingsville rules. Accordingly, such a violation is subject to disciplinary action under rules applicable to students, faculty, and staff.

#### 4. Storage of Handguns in Residential Facilities

- A. This section applies to residence halls or other residential facilities located on campuses that are owned by Texas A&M University-Kingsville.
- B. Any resident student that is a Concealed Handgun License Holder who wishes to store their handgun in their residence hall room:
  - 1) must provide a safe that is intended and made for the storage of handguns. Inspection and installation of a safe must go through the Department of University Housing & Residence Life or
  - 2) Concealed Handgun License Holders may apply for a safe through the Department of University Housing and Residence Life which will oversee installation.

#### 5. Rules Applicable to Carrying a Concealed Handgun on Campus

##### A. *State Law Prohibitions*

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

##### B. *Federal Law Prohibitions*

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

##### C. *Other Prohibited Campus Premises*

A license holder is also prohibited from carrying a concealed handgun in the following campus premises:

- 1) The President has prohibited carrying a concealed handgun in:
  - a) Academy High School;
  - b) Marc A. Cisneros Center for Young Children;
  - c) University Speech and Hearing Clinic;
  - d) University Child Literacy Laboratory;
  - e) Premises on which UIL and Interscholastic events are hosted by the University and where minors are the primary attendees/audience (band camp, sports camps, engineering day, leadership conferences, etc.);
  - f) Campus laboratories that have in their bounds compressed gas cylinders, flammable organic solvents, flammable liquids, or unstable (reactive) chemicals;
  - g) The Student Health & Wellness Center (medical/counseling facility);

- h) On the premises of the stadium, ballpark, gymnasium, court area, or track and field facility where the following is taking place: interscholastic sporting event; intercollegiate sporting event; professional sporting event;
  - i) Athletic practice fields and marching band practice fields whenever Academy High School is holding practice for football, baseball, basketball, softball, tennis, track & field or marching band;
  - j) Irma Lerma Rangel College of Pharmacy Building - Pharmacy laboratories are located on the third (3rd) floor of the College of Pharmacy building and within the labs are compressed gases and flammable liquids. License holders can lawfully carry in offices on the third floor if they are not laboratories;
  - k) TAMUK Citrus Center in Weslaco: 1) Research labs 214-229 and open central lab; 2) Two Chemical Storage buildings located East of greenhouses and North of main building; 3) Auto repair shop; 4) Post harvest shed & workshop;
  - l) The Student Recreation Center (SRC);
  - m) Steinke Physical Education Center.
- 2) 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.
6. At all premises where concealed carry is prohibited, TAMUK must give effective notice under Section 30.06, Penal Code.

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## **Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements**

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[System Regulation 34.06.02, Weapons](#)

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## **Definitions**

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

Campus housing - means dormitories or other residential facilities located on campus that are owned and operated by Texas A&M University-Kingsville

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.

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## **Appendix**

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[Texas Statutory Prohibitions](#)

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## **Contact Office**

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