

# UR 34.06.02.H1 Carrying Concealed Handguns on Campus



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## Rule Statement

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A handgun license holder may carry a concealed handgun on or about the license holder's person while the license holder is on the campus of Texas A&M University-Texarkana (A&M-Texarkana), unless prohibited by this rule, state or federal law.

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## Reason for Rule

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This rule is established to identify areas on campus where license holders may not carry a concealed handgun and outline provisions regarding the storage of handguns in dormitories or other residential facilities. This rule complies with requirements outlined in [System Regulation 34.06.02, Weapons](#) and Texas Government Code §411.2031.

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## Procedures and Responsibilities

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### 1. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

- 1.1. The university president established this rule after consulting with A&M-Texarkana students, staff and faculty 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.
- 1.2. 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 campus of A&M-Texarkana or in an A&M-Texarkana 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.
- 1.3. A&M-Texarkana 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, A&M-Texarkana will consider any violation of state law regulating firearms to be a violation of A&M-Texarkana rules. Accordingly, such a violation is subject to disciplinary action under rules applicable to students, faculty, and staff.

- 1.4. The Vice President of Finance and Administration shall manage the provision of effective notice under [Texas Penal Code §30.06](#).

## **2. STORAGE OF HANDGUNS IN RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES**

- 2.1. This section applies to dormitories or other residential facilities located on campus that are: (1) owned and operated by A&M-Texarkana; or (2) leased and operated by A&M-Texarkana.
- 2.2. When in the residence hall, any resident of campus housing who is a handgun license holder must store their handgun when not carried on or about their person in a safe that is provided and installed by A&M-Texarkana.

## **3. STATE LAW PROHIBITIONS**

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

## **4. FEDERAL LAW PROHIBITIONS**

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

## **5. OTHER PROHIBITED CAMPUS PREMISES**

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

- 5.1. Student Counseling Center;
- 5.2. Psychology Laboratory;
- 5.3. Premises where Programs for Minors, as defined and administered by [System Regulation 24.01.06](#) and [University Rule 24.01.06.H1](#), are held, including summer camps, workshops, conferences and other activities serving participants under the age of 18;
- 5.4. Premises on which interscholastic events are hosted by A&M-Texarkana and where minors are the primary participants/audience;
- 5.5. 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;
- 5.6. Testing Center, in accordance with the requirements of the third party testing agency;
- 5.7. Laboratories that have in their bounds flammable organic solvents, flammable liquids, or unstable (reactive chemicals);
- 5.8. Fitness Center;
- 5.9. 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;

- 5.10. Any portion of the campus leased by the university to a third party, if the third party determines to prohibit the concealed carry of handguns on the premises and provides effective notice pursuant to Section 30.06, Penal Code; and
- 5.11. Assigned offices, as approved by the president, for which the employee has demonstrated that the carrying of a concealed handgun by a license holder in the office presents a significant risk of substantial harm due to a negligent discharge.

## 6. PROHIBITED PREMISES

- 6.1. At all premises where concealed carry is prohibited, A&M-Texarkana must give effective notice under Section 30.06, Penal Code.

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## Definitions

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**Assigned office** - an office assigned to an individual faculty or staff member that is not generally open to the public.

**Campus** - means all land and buildings owned or leased by the A&M-Texarkana.

**Campus housing** - means dormitories or other residential facilities located on campus that are: (1) owned and operated by A&M-Texarkana; or (2) leased and operated by A&M-Texarkana.

**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.

**Significant risk** - means a high probability of harm, not just a slightly increased, speculative, or remote risk.

**Substantial harm** - means serious injury or death to a person or persons, or destruction of valuable property.

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## Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

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[System Regulation 34.06.02, Weapons](#)

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## **Appendix**

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[Texas Statutory Prohibitions](#)

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## **Contact Office**

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