

Rule 34.06.02.T1

Carrying Concealed Handguns on Campus



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Rule Summary

This rule is required by and supplements A&M System Regulation 34.06.02, *Weapons*, and is established to provide guidance to the Tarleton State University (Tarleton or university) community of the A&M System and university requirements.

State law generally authorizes a handgun license holder to carry a concealed handgun on the campus of an institution of higher education, subject to an institution's rules adopted in accordance with the Act. The term "institution of higher education" in the Act has the meaning supplied by section 61.003 of the Education Code, and this includes all A&M System universities, agencies, and System Offices.

Procedures and Responsibilities

The university president established this rule after consulting with university students, staff and faculty of Tarleton 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.

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 Tarleton, or in a Tarleton vehicle, unless prohibited by state or federal law, or this rule. The open carrying of handguns on campus is prohibited. Licensed peace officers are authorized by law to carry firearms at all times.

Tarleton 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, Tarleton will consider any violation of state law regulating firearms to be a violation of university rules. Accordingly, such a violation is subject to disciplinary action under rules applicable to students, faculty, and staff.

1. Storage of Handguns in Residential Facilities
 - A. This section applies to dormitories or other residential facilities located on campus that are: (1) owned and operated by Tarleton; or (2) leased and operated by Tarleton.
 - B. Any resident of campus housing who is a handgun license holder must store their handgun in a manner complying with Residence Life rules.
2. 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 on the following campus premises:

 - 1) The Child Development Center and the exterior playground (when operational);
 - 2) The Student Counseling Center;
 - 3) The Student Health Center;
 - 4) On the premises of an interscholastic event, or a collegiate or professional sporting event;
 - 5) Specific premise(s) in which formal hearings are being conducted pursuant to university rules for faculty and staff disciplinary hearings, student conduct proceedings, and academic grievances; and
 - 6) 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 phrase “owner of the property” in Section 30.06(b) means the president of the university. No university employee is “someone with apparent authority to act for the owner” for purposes of 30.06(b). All notices under 30.06 will be institutional notice, conform to Penal Code Section 46.03 and apply equally to all license holders.
3. At all premises where concealed carry is prohibited, the university must give effective notice under Section 30.06, Penal Code.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

[Tex. Penal Code § 46.01](#)

Definitions

Campus - means all land and buildings owned or leased by Tarleton.

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

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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