

Subject: Campus Concealed Carry

Board Policy Reference: CHF (Local) Site Management: Weapons

Temple College adheres to all state and federal laws and is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for the students, faculty members, employees, and visitors of Temple College.

If you do not have a Texas License to Carry (LTC):

Texas Penal Code Sec. 46.03. PLACES WEAPONS PROHIBITED.

(a) A person commits an offense if the person intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly possesses or goes with a firearm, location-restricted knife, club, or prohibited weapon listed in Section 46.05(a):

(1) on the physical premises of a school or educational institution, any grounds or building on which an activity sponsored by a school or educational institution is being conducted, or a passenger transportation vehicle of a school or educational institution, whether the school or educational institution is public or private, unless: (A) pursuant to written regulations or written authorization of the institution; or (B) the person possesses or goes with a concealed handgun that the person is licensed to carry under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code, and no other weapon to which this section applies, on the premises of an institution of higher education or private or independent institution of higher education, on any grounds or building on which an activity sponsored by the institution is being conducted

IF you do have a LTC

Government Code §411.2031:

- Allows LTC holders to carry a concealed handgun on the campus of an institution of higher education or private or independent institution of higher education in Texas.
- Requires the president or other chief executive officer of an institution of higher education in Texas to establish reasonable rules, regulations, or other provisions regarding the carrying of concealed handguns by license holders on the campus of the institution or on premises located on the campus of the institution.
(See Permanent Exclusion Zones Below)
- Does not allow the president or other officer to establish provisions that generally prohibit or have the effect of generally prohibiting license holders from carrying concealed handguns on the campus of the institution UNLESS it is a private or independent institution of

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higher education that has established rules, regulations, or other provisions prohibiting LTC holders from carrying handguns:

- On the campus of the institution **or...**
- On any grounds or in any building on which an activity sponsored by the institution is being conducted **or...**
- In a passenger transportation vehicle owned by the institution.

Government Code §411.2032 prohibits an institution of higher education or private or independent institution of higher education from prohibiting an LTC holder, including a student at the institution, from storing or transporting a firearm or ammunition in a locked vehicle:

- On a street or driveway located on the campus of the institution **or...**
- In a parking lot, parking garage, or other parking area located on the campus of the institution.

Open carry of handguns is not authorized

Sec. 46.035. UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF HANDGUN BY LICENSE HOLDER. (a) A license holder commits an offense if the license holder carries a handgun on or about the license holder's person under the authority of Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code, and intentionally displays the handgun in plain view of another person in a public place. It is an exception to the application of this subsection that the handgun was partially or wholly visible but was:

(1) carried in a holster by the license holder; or (2) in a holster, and the handgun and the license holder were in a motor vehicle.

(a-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), a license holder commits an offense if the license holder carries a partially or wholly visible handgun, regardless of whether the handgun is holstered, on or about the license holder's person under the authority of Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code, and intentionally displays the handgun in plain view of another person:

- (1) on the premises of an institution of higher education or private or independent institution of higher education; or
- (2) on any public or private driveway, street, sidewalk or walkway, parking lot, parking garage, or other parking area of an

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As provided by Penal Code 46.03, LTC individuals may carry concealed weapons on Temple College campuses/centers, except for the excluded areas indicated below.

Permanent Exclusion Zones:

Main Campus (2600 South First Street, Temple, Texas 76504): Barron Student Success Center, Testing Center room 3617 - Language in the contracts with the College Board, Prometric Test Center, and Pearson Education prohibits the carrying of weapons in the area of the testing center where testing is being conducted.

Temporary Exclusion Zones:

Concealed handgun carry is not permitted on the premises where a high school, collegiate, or professional sporting event or interscholastic event (e.g., University Interscholastic League event) is taking place outlined in Texas Penal Code Sec. 46.035(b)(2). Temporary Texas Penal Code 30.06 signage must be displayed in a conspicuous manner clearly visible to the public at the beginning of such events, during the events, and must be removed at the conclusion of such events.

Any room used as a formal hearing location that operates similar to a court, i.e., where an individual or panel is designated under institutional policy to adjudicate the rights or privileges of a student or an employee of the institution may be excluded as outline in Texas Penal Code Section 46.03(a)(3).

Texas Penal Code Sec. 46.035(c) - A license holder commits an offense if the license holder intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly carries a handgun under the authority of Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code, regardless of whether the handgun is concealed or carried in a shoulder or belt holster, in the room or rooms where a meeting of a governmental entity is held (e.g., Temple College Board of Trustee meetings) and if the meeting is an open meeting subject to Chapter 551, Government Code, and the entity provided notice as required by that chapter.

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Possible Exclusion Zones that are connected with Temple College but not a Temple College Property:

It is incumbent upon the individual LTC to determine the specifics for each property listed below.

- Texas Bioscience Institute (TBI) (5701 Airport Road, Temple, Texas 76504):
- East Williamson County Higher Education Center – Taylor (EWCHEC-Taylor) - 516 North Main Street, Taylor, Texas 76574:
 - Taylor ISD owns the EWCHEC-Taylor location. Temple College will follow the policies established by Taylor ISD related to the carrying of concealed handguns at this location.
- East Williamson County Higher Education Center – Hutto (EWCHEC-Hutto) - 1600 Innovation Boulevard, Hutto, Texas 78634:
 - Texas State Technical College (TSTC) owns the EWCHEC-Hutto location. Temple College will follow the policies established by TSTC related to the carrying of concealed handguns at this location.

SAFEGUARDING WEAPONS

License handgun holders bear the responsibility for safeguarding their handguns at all times, and must take all necessary precautions to ensure their handguns are secured as outlined in Penal Code section 46.02, 46.03, and 46.035. License holders who fail to use reasonable care in securing their handguns or act negligently are subject to disciplinary action.

If a person is believed to have improperly displayed a handgun or carried a handgun into a location where concealed carry is not permitted, campus police should be immediately contacted.

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