



LICENSED CONCEALED CAMPUS CARRY FAQs

What is “Campus Carry”?

Campus Carry refers to legislation passed in 2015 and effective at 2-year institutions of higher education beginning August 1, 2017. The law permits individuals with a License to Carry (LTC) (formerly concealed handgun license) to carry a concealed handgun on college premises, which was formerly unlawful.

Can anyone legally carry a concealed handgun on the SAC campus beginning August 1, 2017?

No, Texas law authorizes concealed carry by license holders only. . A person must be 21 years of age (with the exception of active duty military and police officers); meet state and federal qualifications to own a handgun; and receive CHL training, including a shooting range component, from an instructor certified by the Texas Department of Public Safety in order to obtain a license.

Are handguns the only type of firearm to which campus carry applies?

Yes.

Are there any areas on campus where guns are PROHIBITED?

Yes, here is a list of the areas at SAC designated as exclusion zones.

- Scobee Education Center (SEC)
- Candler Physical Education Center (CPEC)
- Empowerment Center (EC)
- Early Childhood Studies Building (ECSB)
- ACPD Police Sub-station
- Nursing & Allied Health Center (NAHC)
 - Suite 101-Student Conduct Offices only
- Fletcher Administration Center
 - Testing/Assessment Center
 - Rooms 103, 112, 113 only
- Nail Technical Center
 - Rooms 236C, 242 only
- Chance Academic Center
 - Rooms 339,354 only
- Science Annex
 - Room 104 only
- Chemistry & Geology
 - Rooms 010C, 011A, 115, 213 only

How will I know if I am entering a designated exclusion zone?

Lawful exclusion will be notified by signage in English and Spanish stating:

“Pursuant to Section 30.06, Penal Code (trespass by a licensed holder with a concealed handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a concealed handgun.”

If you see signs excluding licensed concealed campus carry in any other format on campus, please notify the office of the Vice President of College Services immediately for corrective action.

What should I do if I see someone with a firearm on campus?

If you see a person openly carrying or deliberately displaying a firearm on campus, call ACPD by dialing 485-0911. They will respond appropriately. Do NOT approach the person. An openly displayed handgun likely reflects ignorance of the law applicable to colleges but could also be an active shooter situation.

Will I be able to find out which students have a concealed handgun in my class? Will the college publish a list of concealed handgun license holders or require students, faculty and staff members who have a concealed handgun license to register with the Police Department?

The college will not track or have a list of college LTC holders. Individuals holding a valid LTC are not required to disclose their status. The only exception to this rule is if police ask about concealed carry status for law enforcement purposes. License holders are required to inform the police, if questioned, if they are carrying a handgun. Importantly, if asked by someone other than a police officer, students, faculty, and staff cannot be retaliated against in any way for failure to answer the question or for answering in the affirmative or negative. In no way should faculty, staff, and students be pressured or coerced into divulging their campus carry/LTC status.

May an individual member of the university community post a sign or notice that prohibits handguns in their offices, classrooms, or other workspaces?

No. The college cannot authorize any member of the University community to post their own signs or notices or individually choose an area to post signs or notices.

Does a police officer have the right to disarm handgun license holders?

Yes. If a police officer reasonably believes a safety risk exists, or has other probable cause to do so, he or she may disarm you. The concealed license holder should be courteous and non-confrontational and follow the police officer's directions.

Is Texas the only state that has legislated licensed concealed campus carry laws for public institutions of higher education?

No, Texas is one of eight states with licensed concealed campus carry laws, joining Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Mississippi, Oregon, Utah and Wisconsin.

Could Alamo Colleges District have opted out of the licensed concealed campus carry law?

No, every public college and university in Texas must allow licensed concealed campus carry by law. Only private institutions of higher education have the right to "opt out" of licensed concealed campus carry.

Whom should I contact if I have additional questions regarding campus carry at SAC?

Call SAC Risk Management. If need be, Risk Management will consult with Legal.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IdTkAPkwObA&feature=youtu.be>

Alamo Colleges District Campus Carry Info

<http://alamo.edu/district/campuscarry/>

