



TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Rule

34.06.02.L1 Carrying Concealed Handguns on Campus

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Rule Statement and Reason for Rule

The Texas A&M International University (TAMIU) President/CEO established this Rule after consulting with TAMIU 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 by the System Board of Regents as required by law.

Senate Bill 11, signed into law in the 84th Legislative Session, authorizes handgun license holders to carry a concealed handgun on university campuses and includes a provision allowing institutions to establish limited rules regarding the storage of handguns in campus housing and prohibiting areas/premises on which license holders may carry.

Procedures and Responsibilities

1. GENERAL

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 TAMIU campus or in a TAMIU 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.

2. ENFORCEMENT

TAMIU enforces state law regulating firearms on campus. This enforcement occurs in two ways. First, TAMIU police or other applicable law enforcement agencies will investigate and take appropriate action, including referral for criminal prosecution, when violations occur. Second, TAMIU will consider any violation of state law regulating firearms to be a violation of TAMIU rules. Accordingly, such a violation is subject to disciplinary action under rules applicable to students, faculty, and staff.

3. STORAGE OF HANDGUNS IN RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES

TAMIU does not own and operate or lease and operate the residential facilities located on campus. Therefore, the management company of the residential facilities determines the restrictions on possession and storage of weapons in those facilities and lists those restrictions in its lease documents.

4. RULES APPLICABLE TO CARRYING A CONCEALED HANDGUN ON CAMPUS

4.1 State Law Prohibitions – A license holder is responsible for complying with the applicable state law prohibitions. See “Texas Statutory Prohibitions” under Appendix below.

4.2 Federal Law Prohibitions – A license holder is responsible for complying with the applicable federal law prohibitions.

4.3 Other Prohibited Campus Premises – A license holder is also prohibited from carrying a concealed handgun in the following campus premises:

4.3.1 As applicable, the room numbers shown below are where the particular prohibited premise is located at the time this Rule was last revised (refer to last revision date above). Since it is possible for the premises to be relocated, please visit <https://www.tamtu.edu/adminis/campuscarry> for the most current room numbers.

- a) Office of Student Health Services (STC 125);
- b) Office of Student Counseling and Disability Services (STC 126, 128) and TAMIU Community Counseling Center (CWT 213);
- c) Kinesiology, Wellness and Recreation Center (REC): Access-controlled portions of the building. The following non-access-controlled portions of the building, all located on the first floor, are not included in the prohibited area: entrance, foyer, public restrooms (not locker rooms) on the first floor, and classroom/laboratory spaces 128, 129, 131;
- d) Science/Research laboratories with compressed gas cylinders: Electron Microscopy Lab (CNS 212), Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) Spectroscopy Labs (LBV 119 and 394), Dual Energy X-Ray Absorptiometry (DEXA) Lab (REC 130), Research Labs (LBV 121E, 197, 297, 388, 390 and CNS 209, 215, 215A), Chemistry Labs (LBV 272, 286, 288 and AIC 202, 206, 207), Machine Shop AIC 113, and Petroleum Engineering Labs (AIC 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 208, 209);
- e) The Texas Academy of International and STEM Studies (PLG 205 AND 215); and
- f) On the premises where a collegiate sporting event is taking place, so long as effective notice is given under Section 30.06, Penal Code.

4.3.2 Any premises where, as directed or approved by the President/CEO as necessary for campus safety, TAMIU 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 TAMIU in the role as CEO, or in the President's absence, a vice president or other executive designated by the President. No other TAMIU employee is 'someone with apparent authority to act for the owner' for purposes of Section 30.03(b), Penal Code. All notices under Section 30.06, Penal Code will be institutional notice, will conform to Section 46.03, Penal Code, and will apply equally to all handgun license holders.

4.3.3 Any campus premises leased by TAMIU 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.

4.4 At all premises where concealed carry is prohibited, TAMIU must give effective notice under Section 30.06, Penal Code.

5. REPORTING AND REQUESTS FOR TEMPORARY EXCLUSION ZONES

To aid in the maintenance and biennial reporting of this Rule, TAMIU designates the Senior Director of Campus Safety and Planning and the Chief of Police. Additionally, they serve as the authorities to review requests for temporary exclusion zones and make recommendations regarding approval to the President/CEO, the authority to designate temporary exclusion zones rests solely with the President/CEO and may not be delegated. The primary purpose and charge for the Senior Director and Chief is to function as the subject matter experts on Senate Bill 11 and to ensure compliance with the law, advise the President/CEO, and evaluate requests for additional prohibited areas.

Related Statutes, Policies, Regulations, or SAP's

[System Regulation 34.06.02, Weapons](#)

Definitions

Campus - All land and buildings owned or leased by TAMIU.

Premises - 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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