

Stephen F. Austin State University Campus Carry Quick Information

EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE CAMPUS CARRY LAW IS AUGUST 1, 2016

During the 84th Texas Legislative Session, Senate Bill 11 was passed allowing persons with a License to Carry (LTC) a handgun, under Texas Government Code Section 411.2031 and other applicable laws, to carry their handgun in a concealed manner on public university campuses. The law allows universities to establish policy restricting certain areas/events of the campus where concealed carry will not be allowed as well as establish storage requirements in residence halls.

Under SFA Policy 13.9, Firearms, Explosives, and Ammunition, the university has designated the following locations as locations where the carrying of a concealed handgun is prohibited:

- Early Childhood Research Center – Entire premise including fenced grounds
- Human Services Building (other than the Telecommunications area) – Entire Premise
- Student Health Clinic – Entire premise
- 3rd Floor of the Rusk Building – 1st and 2nd floors are not excluded from concealed carry
- A location where a high school, collegiate, or professional sporting event takes place and where club or intramural athletic competition is taking place
- Nonpublic, secure portions of the University Police Department
- Occasional, reasonable, temporary restrictions by the president for five (5) days

Campus Storage - General:

No on-campus storage for handguns will be provided; license holders may store handguns at the University Police Department in accordance with UPD policies and procedures.

Campus Storage - Residential Facilities:

License holders residing in campus housing may carry a concealed handgun into campus housing and may store his/her handgun in campus housing except during periods of absence, such as spring break and the periods between fall and spring semesters. When storing a handgun in campus housing, he/she must store the handgun in his/her residential room, in a secured area or occupant-provided locked and secure container. Handguns may not be stored in designated campus housing during summer camps or other events attended by minors. Handguns may never be stored in campus housing by any person other than the residential room occupant. Residents may not store a handgun for any other resident or person.

LTC holders who are employed as full-time residential staff in campus housing may store his/her handgun in his/her residence at all times in a secure area or resident-provided locked, secure container.

General Information:

No licensee may carry his/her handgun in an open manner and must ensure that the handgun is carried in a concealed manner at all times. The license holder must keep the concealed handgun on or about his/her person at all times, including when being carried in a purse or backpack.

A license holder is not required to disclose whether he/she has a license or is currently carrying a concealed handgun to anyone except a magistrate or peace officer.

Effective notice of where handguns may not be carried will be provided at all permanently and temporarily excluded locations by adequate signage at the location.

It is the responsibility of the licensee to know the permanently excluded locations as well as temporary locations.

Any license holder who carries a concealed handgun on a portion of the premises or grounds excluded by policy, or carries a partially or wholly visible handgun, may be arrested and charged under Texas Penal Code 46.035 with Unlawful Carrying of Handgun by a License Holder, a Class A Misdemeanor punishable by up to one in year in jail, a fine up to \$4,000, or both jail time and a fine.

What to do if you observe a visible weapon:

Contact the University Police Department. Call 911 from an on-campus phone or 936-468-2608 from a cell phone.

To view more information concerning Campus Carry at SFA, visit www.sfasu.edu/campuscarry.