

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER

Operating Policy and Procedure

HSC OP: 10. Regulations for the carrying of concealed handguns by license holders

DATE: Effective August 01, 2016

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Health Sciences Center Operating Policy and Procedure (HSC OP) is to establish clear regulations regarding the carrying of concealed handguns by license holders, on or about their person, the campus of TTUHSC or on premises located on the campus of the institution.

REVIEW This HSC OP will be reviewed by October 1 of every General Consideration

As a health-related educational institution, TTUHSC facilitates a complex composition that includes education, patient care, research, and community engagement. As such, TTUHSC must accommodate the unique needs of diverse stakeholders including patients, faculty, staff, contractors, and visitors. Within the context of this unique and complex environment, TTUHSC is committed to the following principles for campus environment:

1. TTUHSC will comply with all necessary laws and regulatory requirements for safety and security on campus;
2. Within reasonable effort, TTUHSC will create an environment in which all stakeholders can conduct their business with a sense of personal and professional safety;
3. TTUHSC will communicate safety policies to stakeholders through various channels.

1. Definitions:

- a. Campus - all land and buildings owned or leased by TTUHSC or leased
- b. Premises - a building or portion of a building
- c. Handgun license holder - is an individual licensed to carry handgun under Texas Government Code Chapter 411, Subchapter H. Such an eligible individual must be at least 21 years of age, not have a criminal record as defined by the code, and meet certain education and proficiency requirements. License to Carry Handgun (LTC) is the new state designation which replaces the designation of Concealed Handgun License (CHL). Individuals who hold a valid CHL may continue to carry with a valid existing license.
- d. Concealed handgun is listed as radioactive in the special hazard category. In addition, any labs using or storing biohazardous agents or toxins. The term also includes any laboratory for which federal law, licensing agreements, or a contractual research agreement precludes the presence of firearms.

f. Designated medical service areas This includes clinics are premises where patients receive health care services and mental health services from a licensed/certified health care professional

2. Statutory Allowance:

a. As authorized by Sec. 411. 2031, Government Code, and effective August 1, 2016, handgun license holders (CHL or LTC) are allowed, (except where reasonably prohibited by university rules), to carry on their person a handgun on TTUHSC premises/campuses without violating state law.

b. ROTC/Color Guard Firearms may be used on TTUHSC campuses for use in ROTC and Color Guard related events.

c. As authorized by Sec. 411. 2031, Government Code, university president with approval of the Board of Regents may establish concealed carry restricted areas. This excludes any individual, group or faction within the university from formulating personalized rules for regulating or excluding handguns.

3. General prohibition:

a. Open display of a handgun Per Penal Code Sections 46. 0350 and 04, open display of a handgun in plain view of another person on a TTUHSC campus is never allowed except by an authorized individual such as a peace officer in the actual discharge of his or her duty. The unlawful display of a handgun is prohibited. (T)16. 1(hed ()Tj5r)8. 3(ou)

- c. Designated research laboratories¹
6. Presidential determinations:
- a. The university