

# Campus Carry Overview Senate Bill 11

- August 1, 2017 handgun license holders may carry a concealed handgun on college campuses.
- Violators are subject to criminal penalties.
- Applies to all CTCD employees, students and visitors.
- Central Campus and Service Area locations (procedures on military bases override CTCD policy).



# Reference: GC §411.2031. CARRYING OF HANDGUNS BY LICENSE HOLDERS ON CERTAIN CAMPUSES.

#### Texas Government Code:

- (a) For purposes of this section:
  - (1) "Campus" means all land and buildings owned or leased by an institution of higher education or private or independent institution of higher education.

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- Open carrying of handguns is prohibited at all institutions of higher education, including CTCD.
- Carrying of firearms other than a concealed handgun is illegal.
- Must have a Texas approved handgun license in order to carry a concealed handgun on campus.

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- CTCD is not obligated to and does not provide storage areas for handguns on campus.
- Safe secure storage of handguns is the responsibility of the license holder and must be done in a concealed fashion inside a personally owned or leased vehicle.

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FREQUENTLY
ASKED
QUESTIONS
BY LICENSE
HOLDERS



# Can others find out if I am licensed to carry a concealed handgun?

- Generally, an individual is not required to disclose that they are a license holder or whether they are carrying a handgun.
- The <u>exception</u> to this is upon request by a police officer, a license holder must show both driver license AND handgun license. (unless not carrying).

# Do police officers have the right to disarm me?

 Yes. If any police officer reasonably believes a safety risk exists, he/she may disarm you.

Comply...be courteous and nonconfrontational and follow the officers directions!



# If my handgun is in my backpack, am I still considered to be "carrying?"

- The law requires carrying a handgun "on or about" the license holder.
  - This is understood as keeping the concealed handgun easily within your reach, i.e., you can reach it without materially changing your position.
  - Thus, a license holder who has a concealed handgun in his/her backpack, must keep the backpack easily within arm's reach.

# If my handgun is on the seat beside me in my car, am I violating the campus carry law?"

 Yes. Remember, you cannot have a visible handgun anywhere while on the premises of a college campus.



# What do I do if I am confronted by an armed gunman?

#### License holders and non-license holders:

#### RUN - Avoid

 Always choose this as your first option if possible. Get out of harm's way.

#### **HIDE** –Barricade

 If you can't run, put yourself somewhere safe and be quiet until given the all clear from police

#### FIGHT - Confront

 This is a last resort and to be used only if necessary to save your life.



Where on campus can I legally carry my concealed weapon?

Grounds, buildings (or portions thereof) sidewalks, walkways, driveways and parking lots **not** designated as Gun Free Zones either by policy or by law.



#### **CTCD Gun Free Zones:**

- 1. Daycare, early childhood education locations and activities, and all areas and events frequently visited by minor children.
- 2. CTCD Mental Health care service locations, including during individual and group sessions.
- 3. Areas involving all sporting or interscholastic events.



- 4. Polling locations-including early voting.
- 5. Board of Trustee meeting locations.
- 6. All ISD locations.
- 7. Locations prohibited by law.
- 8. Mayborn Science Theater during events specifically for minors.
- 9. Sole occupant offices at the occupant's discretion.
- 10. Disciplinary or grievance locations. CENTR

- 11. Morton Hall residence housing with some exceptions.
- 12. Locations where dangerous chemicals are stored.
- 13. CTCD owned, rented or leased vehicles during transport of minors.
- 14. Areas containing critical college infrastructure.
- 15. Areas where contractual or licensing obligations exclude carrying firearms.

## Texas Penal Code §30.06

### Posting of Notice:

 With the exception of sole occupant offices; use of a location as a Gun Free Zone requires CTCD to post an approved sign for the duration of time the area is used as a Gun Free Zone.

## **Policy Exceptions**

This policy does not apply to:

- 1. Licensed law enforcement officers.
- 2. Students enrolled/participating in CTCD courses utilizing authorized weapons.
- 3. Managers/supervisors/instructors utilizing authorized weapons for instruction.
- 4. Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) and military bases.
- 5. ISD or other Pre-K to 12 educational facility where CTCD courses are taught

# Reporting Violations

- Report violations to CTC Police Department at 526-1427.
- Call 911 if an emergency exists.
- CTCD policies are available on the website: www.ctcd.edu.
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# **Disciplinary Actions**

- Students violating the CTCD Campus Carry policy or law may be subject to disciplinary action under the Student Code of Conduct and/or criminal prosecution.
- Employees violating the CTCD Campus Carry policy or law may be subject to disciplinary action under the CTCD Human Resources Policy and Procedures Manual and/or criminal prosecution.

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