

**PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY  
UNIVERSITY RULE**



**34.06.02.P1 Carrying Concealed Handguns on Campus**

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**Rule Statement**

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A safe and secure environment is fundamental to fulfilling the University's mission of teaching, research, and service. Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) is committed to maintaining a safe and secure environment for all students, faculty, staff, and visitors.

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**Reason for Rule**

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This University Rule establishes guidelines for the carrying of concealed handguns by a holder of a license to carry a handgun, hereafter referred to as a "license holder," on PVAMU owned or leased premises. In addition, Texas Statutes require the adoption of a Rule for the carrying of concealed handguns on campus by license holders.

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**Official Procedures and Responsibilities**

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**1. GENERAL**

- 1.1 The President established this Rule after consulting with the students, faculty and staff of PVAMU about the nature of the student population, specific safety considerations, and the uniqueness of the campus environment. This Rule was reviewed by The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents as required by Texas Statutes.
- 1.2 Under Texas Government Code [Chapter 411, Subchapter H](#), a license holder may carry a concealed handgun on or about the license holder's person while the license holder is on the campus of PVAMU, or in a PVAMU vehicle, unless prohibited by federal or state law, or this Rule.
- 1.3 The open carrying of handguns is prohibited on campus. Licensed peace officers are authorized by law to carry firearms at all times.
- 1.4 PVAMU enforces state law regulating firearms on campus. This enforcement occurs in two ways.
  - 1.4.1 The University Police Department or other applicable law enforcement agencies will investigate and take appropriate action, including referral for criminal prosecution when violations occur; and,

- 1.4.2 The University will consider any violation of state or federal law regulating firearms to be a violation of University Rules. Accordingly, such a violation is subject to disciplinary action under Rules applicable to students, faculty, and staff.

## **2. STORAGE OF HANDGUNS IN RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES**

- 2.1 PVAMU has a contractual agreement with American Campus Communities (ACC) under which all on-campus residential premises are owned, controlled and operated by ACC. Therefore, any rules governing the possession and storage of handguns in said facilities are the responsibility of ACC.
- 2.2 In accordance with the American Campus Communities leasing agreement, which all residents voluntarily sign, the possession or storage of a handgun within any residential premises on the campus of PVAMU is prohibited by ACC.

## **3. STATE LAW PROHIBITIONS**

- 3.1 A license holder is responsible for complying with the applicable state law prohibitions concerning the carrying of concealed handguns. See Appendix.

## **4. FEDERAL LAW PROHIBITIONS**

- 4.1 A license holder is responsible for complying with the applicable federal law prohibitions concerning the carrying of concealed handguns.

## **5. PROHIBITED CAMPUS PREMISES**

- 5.1 A license holder is prohibited from carrying a concealed handgun on the following campus premises:
  - 5.1.1 All facilities where a high school, collegiate, or professional sporting event or interscholastic event is taking place;
  - 5.1.2 Owens-Franklin Health Center Building;
  - 5.1.3 Johnson-Phillip All Faiths Chapel;
  - 5.1.4 Don K. Clark Juvenile Justice & Psychology Building (when and where court is in session);
  - 5.1.5 Premises serving as a polling place (when being used in that capacity);
  - 5.1.6 Bistro 1876 Restaurant;
  - 5.1.7 Specific premises in which formal hearings are being conducted pursuant to University Rules or Administrative Procedures for faculty and staff disciplinary matters, student conduct proceedings, and academic grievances;
  - 5.1.8 Student Recreation Center; and

- 5.1.9 Any premises where the University, as directed or approved by the President as necessary for campus safety, gives effective notice on a temporary basis pursuant to Tex. Penal Code, Section [30.06](#). For this Rule, the phrase “owner of the property” in Section 30.06(b) means the President of the University. No University employee is “someone with apparent authority to act for the owner” for purposes of Section 30.06(b). All notices under Section [30.06](#) will be institutional notices, conform to Penal Code Sections [46.03](#) and [46.035](#), and apply equally to all license holders.

## 6. RESPONSIBILITIES

- 6.1 At all premises where concealed carry is prohibited by PVAMU, the University must give effective notice under [Tex. Penal Code § 30.06](#).

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### Related Statutes, Policies, Regulations and Rules

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[System Regulation 34.06.02 Weapons](#)

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### Definitions

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**Campus** - means all land and buildings owned or leased by PVAMU.

**Concealed carry** – means carrying a handgun in such a manner that the presence of the handgun is not openly discernable to the ordinary observation of a reasonable person.

**Interscholastic event** - means a function or program existing or done between schools not including a collegiate sporting event.

**Premises** - means 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.

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### Appendix

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[Texas Statutory Prohibitions](#)

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### Contact Office

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