

SB 11 - Campus Carry at



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Understanding the Law and How It Will Be Applied

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Overview of Campus Carry Law (SB11)

Current Concealed Carry Law

- Since Texas passed its CHL law (SB 273) in 1995, it has been **legal for concealed handgun license holders to carry a concealed handgun on the grounds, but not the premises (i.e., in a building), of an institution of higher education.**



S.B. 11

- Senate Bill 11, the “**Campus Carry**” law, was passed by the Texas Legislature and signed into law by Governor Abbott on June 13, 2015.
- Effective August 1, 2016, a person having a license to carry a handgun may carry a *concealed* handgun on the campus – both on the grounds and in the buildings – of an institution of higher education.
- **Open carry will still be illegal.**



Open Carry / Display of Handguns

- With the exception of **law enforcement officers**, **openly displaying a firearm is not allowed on campus.**
- License holders **commit a criminal offense if they intentionally or knowingly display a handgun in the plain view** of another person on the campus unless the use of deadly force is justified under the law.



Printing

- **“Printing”** (the outline, or portion of the outline, of a handgun being visible through clothing) **OR unintentional exposure of a holstered handgun** by a license holder is not a violation of the law.
- **However, call the police if you observe that a person other than a police officer has a firearm.**



Concealed Handgun License (CHL) Requirements

License to Carry a Handgun Requirements

[Chapter 411, Subchapter H of the Texas Government Code](#)

- Must be at least **21 years old***
- Must have passed a **background check** and
- Must have satisfactorily completed **basic handgun training** specified by the State of Texas.
- Another eligibility requirement is that the person in question **“is capable of exercising sound judgment with respect to the proper use and storage of a handgun.”**
- **For all requirements go to web-site**

<http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/InternetForms/Forms/CHL-16.pdf>



CHL Holders Data in Texas

Who has a CHL in Texas?

- In 2015, approximately **3%** (N=937,419) **of Texas residents had a CHL.**
 - 15% of CHLs issued to individuals 18-29* years old.
 - **85% of CHLs issued to individuals over 30 years old.**
 - 66% of CHLs issued to individuals over 40 years old.

<https://www.txdps.state.tx.us/RSD/CHL/Reports/2015Calendar/byAge/9LicenseApplicationsIssued.pdf>



2015 Texas Convictions

- In 2015, **0.2459%** of those convicted of any kind of criminal offense in the State of Texas were CHL holders.

<https://www.txdps.state.tx.us/RSD/CHL/Reports/ConvictionRatesReport2015.pdf>



Estimated Impact on PVAMU

Estimated Number of PVAMU CHL Holders

- There are currently approximately 8,400 students and 1,190 employees at PVAMU (N=9,590)
 - Applying the 3% of Texas population standard to the number of students and employees at PVAMU, there are an **estimated 288 CHL holders currently at PVAMU**



PVAMU Campus Carry Policy Development & Implementation

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- In compliance with the requirements of the law, **PVAMU submitted its campus carry policy to the TAMUS Board of Regents for review and approval April 2016**
 - TAMU Board approved the PVAMU rule w/ no amendments
- **Campus Carry Policy has been published and is being distributed to employees and students.**



PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY RULE



34.06.02.P1 Carrying Concealed Handguns on Campus
Approved April 27, 2016 (Effective August 1, 2016)
Next Scheduled Review: April 27, 2021

Rule Statement

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.

Reason for Rule

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.

Official Procedures and Responsibilities

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,



34.06.02.P2 Carrying Concealed Handguns on Campus Rule

<https://www.pvamu.edu/policies/wp-content/uploads/sites/56/34.06.02.P1.pdf>



PVAMU Campus Carry Policy Development & Implementation

- **Campus Carry Training and Awareness Presentations conducted by the Task Force**
- **A Campus Carry Policy Report will be submitted to Legislature describing rules and reasons for each rule no later than September 1, 2016 and every even-numbered year thereafter.**



Prohibited Locations

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- **H.T. Jones Elementary School**, and the school grounds when a school-sponsored activity is taking place on those grounds;
- All facilities where a **high school, collegiate or professional sporting event or interscholastic event is taking place;**
- **The Johnson-Phillip All Faiths Chapel;**



Prohibited Locations

- **Don K. Clark Building** where municipal court is held when court is in session;
- **Locations serving as polling places** when being used for that purpose;
- **Bistro 1876 Restaurant**
- **The Owens-Franklin Health Center Building.**



Prohibited Locations

- **Any locations determined by the President to be necessary due to campus safety considerations.**



Training and Awareness

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- PVAMU is taking steps to provide information, education and training about the implications of S.B. 11 and how license holders should conduct themselves:
 - Campus Carry Website <http://www.pvamu.edu/campuscarry/>
 - FAQ
 - Videos
 - Links to Additional Resources
 - Training Sessions & Awareness Presentations
 - Faculty, Staff, Students, Alumni, Campus Partners



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