

STANDARD ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

34.06.02.M1.01 Procedures for Implementation of Campus Carry

Approved October 27, 2016

Revised February 13, 2020

Revised May 22, 2023

Next scheduled review: May 22, 2028

Procedure Statement

A license holder may carry a concealed handgun (licensed carry) on premises of Texas A&M University or in a university vehicle, unless prohibited by state or federal law, or TAMU Rule 34.06.02.M1. See Chapter 411, Texas Government Code.

Reason for Procedure

This procedure provides safety recommendations for license holders who wish to carry a concealed handgun on campus, guidelines for posting approved signage where concealed carry is prohibited and processes for requesting the president's approval of premises where concealed carry should be prohibited.

Definitions

Refer to [University Rule 34.06.02.M1](#)

Official Rule/ Responsibilities/ Process

1. Texas law allows license holders to carry a handgun on campus but the handgun must be concealed. To “break concealment” is to knowingly or intentionally allow a handgun to be seen by others. Breaking concealment on campus is a criminal offense and a violation of TAMU rules and procedures.
2. For safety of all, Texas A&M strongly recommends that license holders who carry on campus carry the handgun in a holster that completely covers the trigger and trigger guard

area. The holster should have sufficient tension or grip on the handgun to retain it in the holster even when subjected to unexpected jostling.

3. Only a peace officer or magistrate has the authority to require a license holder to display his or her handgun license. A license holder is not required by law to disclose the existence of the license to any other university or university system employees. Therefore, university administrators, faculty, staff and students should not request individuals to indicate whether they have a license.
4. Signage Prohibiting Licensed Carry
 - 4.1 Signage prohibiting licensed carry on campus property (“30.06 Notice”) must meet the requirements of Section 30.06 of the Texas Penal Code.
 - 4.2 30.06 Notice may only be produced by University- or System-approved vendors and must be installed in accordance with campus standards.
 - 4.2.1 Signage content, font size and other aspects are explicitly detailed by law. Departments and facilities on the TAMU campus in Brazos County must order signs through AggieWorks. Exceptions to this requirement may be authorized by Campus Planning, Design & Construction (facilitiesrequests@tamu.edu) for groups with special signage requirements. Installation by SSC Graphics is normally included with the cost of the sign.
 - 4.2.2 Signage for remote campuses and facilities should still be purchased through SSC Graphics by using AggieWorks, then shipped to the location where it may be installed by local facilities staff.
 - 4.2.3 Stanchions for temporary or moveable signage may also be purchased through SSC Graphics.
 - 4.2.4 30.06 Notice must be displayed in a conspicuous manner clearly visible to the public.
 - 4.3 Costs for signage and installation shall be borne by the departments or campus entities responsible for those activities that are the basis for the prohibition of licensed carry. There is not a central fund for signage.
 - 4.4 Premises approved by the President as areas on which licensed carry is prohibited are specific to the room or rooms approved by the President. No individual is authorized to expand that area to encompass adjacent hallways, common areas, etc. without the review and approval of the President.
5. Posting of 30.06 Notice:

- 5.1 Locations where licensed carry is prohibited under state law if effective 30.06 Notice is posted per TAMU Rule 34.06.02.M1, sec. 6.A.3):
 - 5.1.1 30.06 Notice will be posted on premises where a collegiate sporting event is taking place. Such notice must only be posted the day of the event and must be removed no later than two hours after the event concludes.
 - 5.1.2 The Athletics Department shall maintain a log of times and locations where licensed carry is prohibited under this section and 30.06 Notice is posted. Posting and de-posting of 30.06 Notice signs when temporary prohibitions are established in accordance with this procedure are the responsibility of the requestor (Athletics Department staff, Principal Investigator, formal hearing administrator, etc.). Failure to promptly put signs in place and remove them after the activities are completed may subject the institution to complaints and fines.
- 5.2 Locations where licensed carry is categorically prohibited by the President as set out in TAMU Rule 36.04.02.M1, sec. 6.C.1:
 - 5.2.1 30.06 Notice shall be posted on all premises identified in TAMU Rule 36.04.02.M1, sec. 6.C.1), subsections a), b), c), e) and f).
 - 5.2.2 Premises where formal administrative hearings/investigations are being conducted per 34.06.02.M1 section 6.C.1)d) may only prohibit licensed carry when such hearings/investigations are being conducted.
 - 5.2.2.1 Temporary signage used to provide 30.06 Notice may be posted using stanchions or other means at all entrances to that premises. If authorized by the applicable process established pursuant to section 5.2.2.3.1 below, notice by other forms of written communication consistent with the requirements of Texas Penal Code section 30.06 may be used.
 - 5.2.2.2 The administrative unit or department responsible for conducting the formal administrative hearing/investigation must notify the appropriate Vice President or designee in advance of the formal hearing/investigation.
 - 5.2.2.3 Each Vice President whose units are responsible for conducting formal administrative hearings/investigations shall:
 - 5.2.2.3.1 establish a process for the notice required in section 5.2.1 and the distribution of temporary signage or provision of notice by other forms of written communication consistent with the requirements of Texas Penal Code section 30.06; and

5.2.2.3.2 ensure that a log is maintained of the building number, room number(s), date(s), time(s) and reason that licensed carry was prohibited and 30.06 Notice is provided pursuant to 34.06.02.M1, section 6.C.1)d).

6. Requesting the President's approval to prohibit licensed carry in locations provided for in TAMU Rule 34.06.02.M1, section 6.C.2), i.e., assigned offices, high hazard laboratories and laboratories working with high-risk subjects:
 - 6.1 A requestor must complete form 34.06.02.M1.01.101, Request for Prohibition of Licensed Carry, providing all required information. Justification for each room or area is critically important and must demonstrate that the standards for prohibiting licensed carry as set out in the applicable provision of Rule 34.06.02.M1, section 6.C.2) are clearly met. If the requestor will hold office hours at an alternate location, such location must be identified in the request.
 - 6.2 The completed request form must be printed, signed and submitted to the appropriate department head.
 - 6.3 The department head may support the request, including the availability of alternate space for the requestor to hold meetings, and forward it to the appropriate dean or vice president or may decline to support the request and return the form to the requestor.
 - 6.4 Upon receipt of a request relating to an assigned office, the dean may opt to support the request and forward it to the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs or decline to support the request and return the form to the requestor. Upon receipt of a request relating to a high hazard research area or a laboratory or research area involving high-risk subjects, the dean may opt to support the request and forward it to the Vice President for Research or decline to support the request and return the form to the requestor.
 - 6.5 Upon receipt of a request for prohibition of licensed carry, the appropriate Vice President may opt to support the request and forward it to the Chief Operating Officer and Senior Vice President for review or may decline to support the request and return the form to the requestor.
 - 6.6 The Chief Operating Officer and Senior Vice President may opt to support the request and forward it to the Office of the President for review or decline to support the request and return the form to the requestor.
 - 6.7 At any step in the process, if the request is declined and returned to the requestor, the requestor may request a review one level higher than the step where the rejection occurred. The administrator requested to perform the review under this section shall notify the requestor of the outcome of the review. If the request is rejected at the higher level, this decision is final and not subject to further review or appeal.

- 6.8 The President's decision on the request is final and not subject to further review or appeal.
- 6.9 If the request is approved by the President, 30.06 Notice will be posted in accordance with section 4 of this procedure.
7. 30.06 Notice shall be posted at each location where licensed carry is prohibited under TAMU Rule 34.06.02.M1. All postings must comply with applicable state law and be clearly visible to the public.

Forms

34.06.02.M1.01.101, Request for Prohibition of Licensed Carry of a Handgun on Campus (see below)

Contact Office

University Police Department

Form 34.06.02.M1.01.101

Request for Prohibition of Licensed Carry

This form must be completed and approval granted by the President before 30.06 Notice can be posted to prohibit licensed carry.

Requestor:

Name: _____

UIN: _____

Department: _____

Email address: _____

As allowed by Texas A&M University Rule 34.06.02.M1, *Carrying Concealed Handguns on Campus*, section 6.C.2, individuals may request the President to approve the prohibition of licensed carry in assigned offices, high hazard research areas and laboratories and in those where research subjects are high risk. Please complete the appropriate section according to your request.

Submit a separate form for each room, laboratory or research area requested.

Assigned offices for which the employee can demonstrate that the carrying of a concealed handgun by a license holder in the office presents a significant risk of substantial harm due to negligent discharge:

Room Number	Building #	Person Assigned to Office	Justification (provide detailed information to support this request).

High hazard laboratory or research area where the presence of high hazard materials or operations creates a significant risk of catastrophic harm due to a negligent discharge:

Lab/Room Number	Building #	Type of Hazard(s)	Justification (provide detailed information to support this request).

Laboratories or research areas involving high-risk subjects or where research integrity could be compromised:

Lab/Room Number	Building #	Type of Research	Justification (provide detailed information to support this request). Include an estimate of the frequency of such situations.

Requestor Signature: _____
Date: _____

Department Head Recommendation:

Support: ___ Comments: _____
Decline: ___ Comments: _____
Signature: _____ Date: _____

Dean Recommendation (if applicable):

Support: ___ Comments: _____
Decline: ___ Comments: _____
Signature: _____ Date: _____

VP Recommendation:

Support: ___ Comments: _____
Decline: ___ Comments: _____
Signature: _____ Date: _____

Chief Operating Officer and Senior Vice President Recommendation:

Support: ___ Comments: _____
Decline: ___ Comments: _____
Signature: _____ Date: _____

Appeal to: _____	Date: _____
___ Support Prohibiting Carry	Comment: _____
___ Decline to Support Prohibition	Comment: _____
_____	Date: _____
<i>Signature</i>	

Approved Denied

President's Signature

Date: _____

Copy to VPFA-UPD-CHIEFS@TAMU.EDU