

G.1.4.5 (Procedure) Rules Limiting Licensed Concealed Carry of Handguns

Responsible Department: Alamo Colleges Police Department

Based on Board Policy: [G.1.4](#) - Use of and Access to College District Facilities

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Beginning August 1, 2017, firearm license holders are authorized to carry handguns on campus, limited to CONCEALED carry, except to the limited extent that certain sites may be excluded by other applicable law. Colleges are permitted to establish reasonable rules limiting this authorization provided that they do not have the effect of generally prohibiting license holders from carrying concealed handguns on campus.

The general rules stated below were adopted April 3, 2017 and were reviewed without revision by the Board of Trustees on April 18, 2017, pursuant to Texas Government Code § 411.2031(d-1), and slightly revised on August 16, 2017. The general rules prohibit the carrying of handguns, with or without a license, at the listed limited locations.

Application of these general rules to each College District site for prohibitory Penal Code 30.06 signage will be published.

Enforcement of these rules requires accurate signage at prohibited sites. No employee may place or maintain a prohibitory sign which does not meet the statutory requirements of Texas Penal Code 30.06 or which is not authorized by these rules. Signs for temporary prohibition shall be obtained from the Vice-President designated by each College President, except that for all temporary sites for employee discipline/termination/ complaint matters, and for all District Support Operations sites temporary prohibitions, signs shall be obtained from the Human Resources Department.

STATUTORY PROHIBITIONS

Open Meetings: Prohibited per TX PENAL 46.035(c), limited to signed Board meetings

Polling Locations: Prohibited per TX PENAL 46.03(a) (2)

Child Care: Prohibited per 40 TAC 746.3707 (building only)

Police: May disarm and locker a license holder's weapon when in nonpublic, secure portion of law enforcement facility per TX GOV 411.207(b), but requires 411.207(c) sign

MINORS CONGREGATE

Leased Facilities: Prohibited in facilities leased to other parties if minors congregate therein or facilities leased from others if lessor requires

Classrooms: Prohibited in classrooms dedicated to minors-only programs

Scobee: Prohibited, ISD students are such a high % of visitors

Summer Camp: Prohibited in certain buildings during summer camp where practical

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HEALTH

Chemicals and Compressed Gasses: Firearms are prohibited in all chemical and biological lab storage areas and preparation areas unless there is clear evidence of absence Protected Chemicals and Compressed Gasses. Non-laboratory-associated storage and instructional areas will be considered for a firearms prohibition to the extent that Protected Chemicals or Compressed Gasses are present. Department chairs may propose to Presidents certain course lab tasks involving significant aggregate concentrations of Protected Substances in the laboratory itself which justify a prohibition.

“Protected Chemicals” are those with NFPA 704 ratings of 3-4 re Flammability, Health or Instability (excluding natural gas lines unless proximate to oxygen and refrigerants within system), or any Special Hazard rating., “Compressed Gases” are defined as all containers of compressed gasses, excluding portable fire extinguishers, aerosol propellants, other small containers and refrigerants within a cooling system. Presence of Protected Chemicals or Compressed Gasses lead to consideration of firearm prohibition.

Mental Health Counseling: Prohibited

LOCKERS / ATHLETICS

Testing Areas: Prohibited from those testing areas which require that personal effects be removed and placed in lockers

Athletic Facilities: Prohibited to both participants and spectators

No Gun Lockers will be provided and guns storage is prohibited in College District lockers, license holders must store in locked vehicles if carrying and intending to enter prohibited areas

RESIDENTIAL

Dormitories: License holders may not carry in shared space of residential suites with shared living space, and all resident license holders must supply and use gun lockers for any firearm when not lawfully carried on or about their person

DISCIPLINE / SANCTIONS MEETINGS, GRIEVANCE / COMPLAINT / MEDIATION SESSIONS and RELATED APPEAL HEARINGS

Prohibited re both employee discipline and termination meetings and student sanction meetings, as well as all types of student and employee complaint hearings, such as: grievance hearings, employee complaint hearings, mediation sessions and related appeal hearings.

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PARTIAL

Mixed Use: Prohibit whole building or whole floor only if preponderant

Temporary Prohibition: College Presidents decide through pre-application process

Campus-Specific: Where prohibition is adopted in principle but specific configuration of a campus facility makes this impractical, then that campus need not prohibit

ACPD: Prohibited in all areas of ACPD facilities

DISTRICT VEHICLES

Prohibited in any vehicle owned or leased by the College District, except for an employee required to transport or store a firearm in the official discharge of the employee's duties.

Section 411.0231(d-1), Texas Government Code