

# Weatherford College

**Campus Carry: The Basics Concealed Handguns  
on the Weatherford College campuses**



# Objectives

The purpose of this presentation is to give the campus community an overview of the Weatherford College “Campus Carry” policy.



# Overview



Just like a person with a driver's license is expected to know the rules of the road in each state he or she drives through, it is **the responsibility of the handgun license holder** to understand the rules and regulations associated with his or her license to carry (LTC).



# Quick Facts

- A LTC holder is not required to show his or her license unless directed by a law enforcement officer.
- A LTC holder may carry his or her firearm into campus buildings unless it is part of an “exclusion zone” that has been identified by Weatherford College policy or State or Federal law.
- **A licensed person who chooses to carry is personally responsible for any injury or damage as a result of the use of their handgun.**
- Accidental discharge of a handgun by any employee or student may be cause for disciplinary action up to and including termination (for employees) and expulsion (for students).



# What's Covered

The presentation is divided into different sections, and you may go in any order. Select one of the buttons below to learn more about that topic.

Definitions

Where you can and can't carry  
on our campus

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License to Carry (LTC) Holders

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"Campus Carry" Policy: [CHF\(LEGAL\)-PJC](#)



# Common Definitions

Some Common Definitions are Listed Below:

<b><i>Word/Phrase</i></b>	<b><i>Definition</i></b>
<b>License to Carry (LTC)</b>	Formerly called Concealed Handgun License (CHL). A person with an LTC has gone through a background check, fingerprinting, and has taken a handgun class. They must be aged 21 or older ( <i>or have been in the military</i> ).
<b>Handgun</b>	A type of firearm designed, made, or adapted to be fired with one hand.
<b>Gun safe</b>	Must meet minimum requirements, such as it must be large enough to fully contain the firearm, have 16 gauge steel walls, and have a locking system. See <a href="#">CHF(LEGAL)-PJC</a> for more information.
<b>Holster</b>	A holder made for firearms. Holsters must completely cover the trigger and the entire trigger guard area and have sufficient tension or grip on the handgun to retain it, even when subjected to unexpected jostling.



# Background of Campus Carry

- Texas [Senate Bill 11](#), 84th Legislature (SB 11) is also called the “Campus Carry” law. It was passed in 2015 and became effective on August 1, 2016. It allows for the carrying of concealed handguns by License to Carry (LTC) holders on all public university campuses and will take effect for Weatherford College August 1, 2017.
- Prior to this law, concealed handguns could be carried on campus grounds but not in campus buildings.

**NOTE:** This law does not apply to commissioned peace officers, like the Weatherford College Police Department or any commissioned police officers on our campus.



# SB 11 Allows Concealed Handguns to be Carried on Weatherford College Campus by LTC Holders

- The law says the college must allow concealed handguns to be carried by a licensed person on our campus. The president of each university/college may make reasonable rules regarding concealed carry on campus, including where handguns may not be carried as long as it does not “generally prohibit or have the effect of generally prohibiting the carrying of a handgun by a LTC holder.”
- Areas where handguns may not be carried address specific safety considerations and are called “exclusion zones.” These are outlined in the [“Where you Can and Can’t Carry”](#) section of this presentation.





# Creating Rules Around Campus Carry

- Every other year, beginning in 2019, our campus will submit a report to the legislature describing our rules and explain the reasons we have for each rule.
- The Board of Trustees may amend or change any of our rules by a 2/3 majority vote.



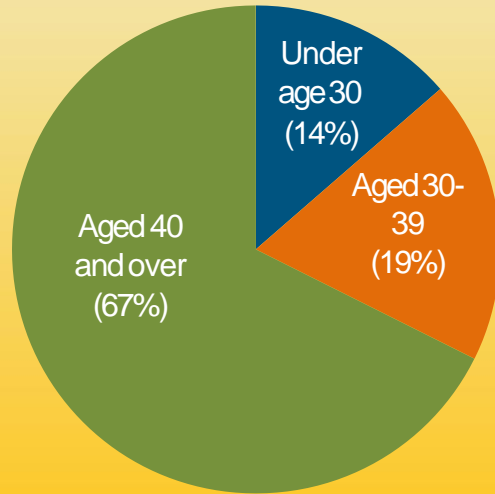
# Campus Carry Across the U.S.

In addition to Texas, other states such as Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Mississippi, Oregon, Utah, and Wisconsin have “Campus Carry” laws. Some have had this law in place for many years.



# Demographics

## LTC holders in 2015



- Around 3-4% of the State of Texas population have a license to carry.
- Most people who have a LTC are over the age of 40.

**Source:** <http://www.dps.texas.gov/RSD/CHL/Reports/2015Calendar/byAge/9LicenseApplicationsIssued.pdf>  
<http://www.dps.texas.gov/rsd/chl/reports/ActLicAndInstr/ActiveLicandInstr2015.pdf>



# Weatherford College's Commitment

- We are committed to providing a **safe environment** for our student, faculty, staff, and visitors, and we must also respect the individual rights of those who are licensed to carry a concealed handgun.
- We must comply with the law while not compromising the nature of the teaching, learning, and research environment we have on our campus.



# Open Carry vs. Concealed Carry

Changes to two different laws happened during the same legislative session and are often confused. Here are some differences between the two laws:

## **OPEN CARRY:**

- The firearm can be seen in the “open,” such as in a holster outside of the clothing.
- Prohibited for anyone on campus (excluding commissioned peace officers).

## **CONCEALED CARRY:**

- The handgun is not noticeable by ordinary observation.
- Allowed for anyone who has a LTC.



# Open Carry vs. Concealed Carry Signage 30.07

## OPEN CARRY

There are two distinct and different signs that may be displayed when a firearm is not allowed on a site. Since **Open Carry is not allowed** at Weatherford College by the Texas Penal Code, you may see (“30.07”) signs posted on our campus reminding LTC holders of this law.

The license holder is responsible for knowing where a handgun can and cannot be carried.

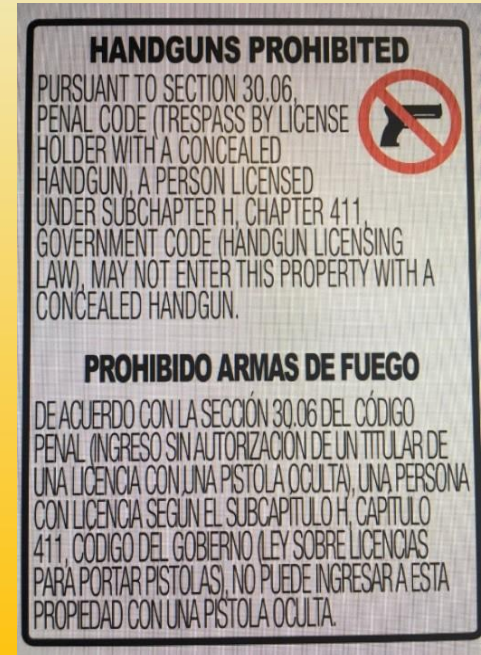


# Open Carry vs. Concealed Carry Signage 30.06

## CONCEALED CARRY

Since Concealed Carry is allowed at Weatherford College by LTC holders, you will see signs (“30.06”) posted on our campus in areas that are excluded by law or policy.

The license holder is responsible for knowing where a handgun can and cannot be carried.



# What Does Open Carry vs. Concealed Carry Look Like?

## OPEN CARRY



**NOT** allowed on Weatherford College campus.

## CONCEALED CARRY



Starting August 1, 2017, allowed by LTC holders on Weatherford College campus.





# Open Carry of Firearms on Campus

**Open Carry is NOT allowed at Weatherford College.** If you see any type of firearm on campus:

- Contact Weatherford College Police Department immediately, 817-771-3535.
- Get a description of the person, what they were doing, their location, the direction they were headed, etc.
- **Do not confront the individual(s).**
- Avoid escalating the situation.



# Where you Can and Can't Carry

License holders are responsible for knowing where they can and cannot carry a handgun. When displaying proper signage, there are certain places where carrying a handgun is prohibited by law, such as a:

- Church, synagogue, or other established place of worship
- Correctional facility
- Courthouse or place where formal hearings are conducted
- Amusement park
- Patient-care areas, like a hospital or mental health facility
- ... and more



# College Exclusion Zones

- The college's policies also create "exclusion zones" where the carry of a concealed handgun is prohibited.
- Our campus has a variety of facilities, meaning it's not always easy to mark where exclusion zones can or **SHALL** be located. Sometimes only a **portion** of a building is excluded. Sometimes an area is only excluded for a small period of time while a particular activity takes place.
- If you choose to carry a concealed handgun on campus, please be sure you understand where exclusion zones are located.



# Where you Can and Can't Carry

Handguns may not be carried into any **active polling place** on campus if one was established by Weatherford College.



**NOTE:** These areas are **temporary** and only exclusion zones when voting is occurring.



# Where you Can and Can't Carry

Handguns may not be carried into any **business that gets 51% or more of its income from the sale or service of alcohol.**



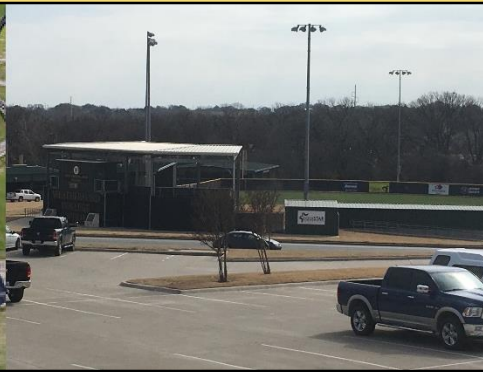
# Where you Can and Can't Carry

Handguns may **NOT** be carried into any **high school, collegiate, or professional sporting event or interscholastic event** held on campus. For example:

**Baseball**



**Softball**



**Basketball Gym**



**NOTE:** At Weatherford College, notice will be given through 30.06 signage and applicable policy hand books.



# Where you Can and Can't Carry

Handguns may **NOT** be carried into **Coyote Village** with the following exceptions:



- Concealed handguns are permitted in common areas such as lounges, dining areas, and study areas by LTC holders.
- A resident's licensed family members may carry in the resident's room while visiting.
- A licensed full-time staff member who lives in college housing may carry and store their handgun in the approved method set out by policy.

**NOTE:** Any violation of the policy is grounds for terminating the housing contract.



# Storage of Firearms on Weatherford College Property

Storage of firearms is prohibited in all Weatherford College buildings with the **ONLY** exceptions being:

- If you are a full-time employee required to live on Weatherford College property, you may store your handgun in a personal gun safe that meets the requirements on gun safes inside your assigned residence. Gun safes will not be provided by Weatherford College.





# Storing Handguns

When storing handguns, personal gun safes must meet the minimum requirements of such as it must be large enough to fully contain the firearm when closed and secure, have 16 gauge steel walls, and a operating locking system.

**NOTE:** *Our WC policy does not apply to private off-campus facilities, even if they house Weatherford College students.*



# Where you Can and Can't Carry

A sole-occupancy office “owner” **may choose** to prohibit the concealed carry of a handgun in their office. However, the office space must:

- Be assigned to only one person and not be shared
- Not be generally open to the public
- Posting must be followed by office occupant as well.

*The definition of a “sole occupant office” is a room with at least one door and walls that extend to the ceiling that is assigned to a single person as his or her workspace.*



# Where you Can and Can't Carry

If the office occupant chooses to prohibit concealed handguns, the occupant must:

- Provide oral notice that handguns are prohibited in that office.
- Make reasonable arrangements to meet people in another location at a convenient time (*You may not ask if the person is carrying*).



# Scheduling Office Space

For employees who are **NOT** the sole-occupant of an office or have an office where the general public may walk through, you have the option of scheduling an office space within a gun-exclusion zone for use during a meeting or conference.



# Specific information for License to Carry (LTC) Holders

- If you choose to carry a concealed handgun on campus, you are responsible for knowing where it can and cannot be carried.
- **Employees** who do not follow Weatherford College policy are subject to discipline up to and including termination. **Students** who do not follow Weatherford College policy are subject to discipline including expulsion from the college.
- Accidental discharge of a firearm is cause for discipline up to and including termination for employees and up to and including expulsion for students.



# On or About Your Person

If you choose to carry a concealed handgun on campus it must be “**on or about your person,**” meaning the handgun must be close enough to you that you can grasp it without materially changing position.



- For example, if you carry your handgun in a backpack, the backpack must always remain close to you within immediate reach so you can grasp it without materially changing positions.



# Consider your Day

- Although you can carry in many places on campus, you cannot carry everywhere or when engaged in activities that make carrying a handgun impossible.
- Review the information in the “Where you Can and Can’t Carry” section of this presentation and the Weatherford College policy CHF(LEGAL) Think through your day *before* deciding whether to carry that day because storage of handguns on campus is prohibited.



# Examples of when Concealed Carry might be Difficult



## For Example:

- Will you be working out at the gym?
- Will you be participating in a class (like theater or dance) that requires role playing, rolling, spinning, or contact with other students?
- Will you need to go to into an area where guns are not allowed, such as a gym, sporting facility area or clinical locations?





# Know the Exclusion Zones

If you will need to go into an area where guns are not allowed or engage in an activity that makes concealed carry impossible, consider not carrying that day or be sure you will have the ability to store your handgun in your personal vehicle or in off-campus private property.



# Additional Resources & Videos (Slide 1)

- Campus Carry Policy [CHF\(LEGAL\)](#)
- Campus Carry [website](#), including [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- Texas [Senate Bill 11](#), 84th Legislature (SB 11), the “Campus Carry” law
- Weatherford College [safety videos](#), including information on how to respond to an active shooter
- Texas Department of Public Safety, [LTC Information](#)
- [Texas Government Code](#) for DPS
- [Texas Penal Code](#) applicable to weapons



# Additional Resources & Videos (Slide 2)

## Coyote Village Housing Policies/Contracts:

- Coyote Village Housing Lease
- Coyote Village Community Living Guide

## Weatherford College Disciplinary Policies for [Faculty](#), [Staff](#), and [Students](#):

- Weatherford College Student Handbook
- Weatherford College Employee Handbook

**Questions can be directed to Campus Police / 817-771-3535**



[Select HERE to begin video below](#)



# Questions about the Policy?

If you have questions about this policy, please contact Weatherford College Police Department at:

**Office:** 817-598-6316

**On-Duty Officer:** 817-771-3535

