

Sam Houston State University Police Department  
A Member of the Texas State University System

President's Office Policy PRE – 26

Concealed Carry on Campus Policy/Procedure

1. General

Sam Houston State University (defined term) is committed to developing and implementing a Concealed Carry Policy and Procedure to meet Texas Law to be implemented under Texas Government Code Section 411.2031 (Carrying of Handguns by License Holders on Certain Campus) and Texas Penal Code 46.035.

2. Purpose

2.01 This Policy articulates the reasonable rules, regulations and provisions regarding carrying of concealed handguns by license holders on the campus of Sam Houston State University and Sam Houston State University the Woodlands Campus.

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- a. In accordance with Government Code Section 411.0231 and Texas Penal Code 46.035, Sam Houston State University recognizes the right of individuals licensed to carry concealed handguns to do so on campus land and in buildings owned or leased by SHSU, unless otherwise provided herein.
  - b. Individuals who are 21 years-of-age and who currently possess a handgun license from the State of Texas or an approved reciprocating state may legally carry a concealed handgun on or about their person.
  - c. On campus residents who are license holders and reside in campus housing units are permitted to carry their weapon on or about their person in the residence halls. License holders who reside in campus housing are responsible for the safe storage of their handgun in their residence by use of secure storage devices as required by the Department of Residence Life. It should be noted that this policy/procedure does not change current policy and any other weapons (to include long guns) are still prohibited on-campus housing units.

3. Areas where License Holders are prohibited from carrying handguns. This policy defines locations on campus that are Prohibited Concealed Carry Locations (PCCL).

3.01 Official Athletic Events (Collegiate or University Interscholastic League) held in Bowers Stadium, Don Sanders Baseball Complex, Bearkat Softball Complex, Meredith and Miriam York Field Events Center, the

McAdams Tennis Center, and the Johnson Coliseum.

- 3.02 Any governmental meeting that takes place on the campuses of Sam Houston State University will be a PCCL.
- 3.03 Powell Health & Counseling Center (1608 Avenue J), Jack Staggs Counseling Center (1932 Bobby K. Marks Drive), Psychological Services Center (919 Bearkat Boulevard), Services for Students with Disabilities Office (Lee Drain Annex 1916 Avenue J), & Counseling Clinic at the Woodlands Campus Suite 151 (3380 College Park Drive; The Woodlands, Texas 77384)
- 3.04 Official University Student/Employee Disciplinary/Grievance Hearings.
- 3.05 Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Lab (Chemistry & Forensic Science Building, Room 302 & 323).
- 3.06 Department of Public Safety Services (Secure Areas of Building Only in the Charles W. Tackett University Police Building 2424 Sam Houston Avenue; Huntsville, Texas 77340)
- 3.07 University Interscholastic League Events Held in campus buildings or campus property.

#### 4. Student and Employee Discipline or Grievance Hearings and Appeals Procedures

Student discipline and employee proceedings are held on the campuses of Sam Houston State University. It is recognized that the processes are not regularly held and to prohibit carry in these areas would adversely impact those who carry concealed weapons on campus. The following procedure has been established for Student and Employee Discipline or Grievance Hearing and Appeals.

4.01a The Dean of Students' or the Director of Human Resources may designate a room to be used for a proceeding that will PCCL. Prior to the proceeding, the student or employee shall be notified that the disciplinary, grievance, or appeal hearing and the location of said proceeding is PCCL. Furthermore, all participants who will be a part of this proceeding should have prior notification that the location selected will be PCCL. Signage should be placed on the designated room for the time period specified for the proceeding, and prior to entering the room for the proceeding notification should be given one further time on a document. At the conclusion of the proceeding, signage should be removed from the location.

#### 5. University Signage for PCCL Areas

- 5.01 Signage shall be placed in conspicuous areas (entrances) and that are clearly visible noting that the premise in question is a Prohibited Concealed Carry Location (PCCL). Any oral or written notice must be given as to where concealed handgun licensees may not carry. Notice that is given on a card, document, or sign must contain the following language:

***Pursuant to Section 30.06, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with a concealed handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a concealed handgun.***

If this information is posted on a sign and indicating that it is a PCCL, the sign must meet the minimum requirements:

- Include the above italicized language in both English and Spanish;
- Use contrasting colors, black letters, at least 1 inch in height; and
- Be displayed in a conspicuous manner clearly visible to the public.

All signage and other documentation used to indicate a PCCL shall be approved by the University.

## 6. Review of Policy

- 6.01 Each even numbered year, the committee for Concealed Carry on Campus should review this policy for the following:
- a. Review of PCCL on campus;
  - b. Provide new locations or any updates to the President;
  - c. Any changes to this Policy, shall be submitted to Board of Regents for approval in accord with the timelines provided in Texas Government Code Section 411.2031; and
  - d. The President shall submit a report to the Texas Legislature by September 1<sup>st</sup> of each even numbered year describing SHSU rules, regulations, or other or other provisions and justifications on carrying of concealed weapons on campus.

## References

Texas Government Code Section 411.2031  
Texas Government Code Section 422.207  
Texas Penal Code 46.035

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