

CAMPUS CARRY LAW

In 2015, the Texas Legislature passed a law which permits duly licensed concealed handgun owners the right to bring concealed handguns on to Texas public university campuses effective August 1, 2016. This law is commonly referred to as the "Campus Carry Law". The law directed each public university resident in Texas to establish campus-specific policies for their campus implementing the law with consideration to the uniqueness of the campus environment. This law is applicable only to those who have a license to carry a handgun, and the handgun must be concealed at all times. This policy does not authorize the open carry of handguns on the Health Science Center campus. The purpose of this policy is to ensure compliance with Section 411.2031 of the Texas Government Code, the "Campus Carry Law".

It is the policy of the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio to respect the Federal and Texas constitutions, both of which recognize Texas citizens' rights to keep and bear arms. The Health Science Center also recognizes the Texas Legislature's power to regulate the carrying of handguns. Finally, the Health Science Center recognizes its right under the Campus Carry Law to implement its own reasonable rules, regulations and other provisions regarding the carrying of concealed handguns on the premises of the Health Science Center campuses.

For more information on the Campus Carry Law, please see Policy 8.12.1 (<http://uthscsa.edu/hop2000/8.12.1.pdf>) in the Health Science Center Handbook of Operating Procedures (HOP).