

Texas Christian University Policy

Policy Number: 2.060 **Subject:** Firearms and Weapons

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I. Policy

Texas Christian University is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for the campus community and visitors. This policy informs the campus community and visitors that TCU is a weapons-free campus and all firearms, whether openly carried or in a concealed manner, are strictly prohibited on the TCU campus and other TCU property except in the limited exceptions identified in this policy.

II. Application

This policy applies to students, faculty and staff (employees), outside contractors and visitors.

III. Policy

To the fullest extent of Federal and Texas law, Texas Christian University prohibits the possession, storage or use of all firearms (openly carried or in a concealed manner) and weapons on the TCU campus, TCU property, at athletic events, on all grounds and buildings on which an activity sponsored by TCU is being conducted, and all TCU passenger transportation vehicles. Firearms and weapons include, but are not limited to, handguns, rifles, shotguns, air powered guns, blow guns, stun guns, ammunition, illegal knives, clubs, sling shots, tasers, explosives, bombs, hoax bombs, fireworks, flammable liquids, martial arts devices, or any other weapon illegal to possess under state or federal law. In accordance with Section 411.2031, Texas Government Code, the Texas Christian University Board of Trustees, after consultation with the campus community, voted to prohibit handgun license holders from carrying concealed handguns on campus.

IV. Statutory Notice Prohibiting Concealed Handguns on the Campus and Property of TCU by License Holders

All students, employees, outside contractors, and visitors holding a valid license issued by the State of Texas to carry a handgun are forbidden from entering in or on the TCU campus or TCU property with a concealed handgun and are given the following statutory notice with which they must comply:

CONCEALED HANDGUNS PROHIBITED

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.

PROHIBIDO ENTRAR CON ARMAS DE FUEGO (PISTOLAS)

Conforme a la Seccion 30.06 del Codigo Penal (traspaso del titular con licencia, portando una pistola oculta) personas con licencia bajo del Sub-Capitulo H, Capitulo 411, Codigo de Gobierno (ley de licencias para pistolas), no deben entrar a esta propiedad portando una pistola oculta.

V. Exceptions to Policy

The only exceptions to this policy are:

- a. A person, including a student enrolled at TCU, who holds a valid handgun license issued by the state may store or transport a lawfully possessed firearm or ammunition in a locked, privately owned or leased motor vehicle on a campus street or driveway or in a TCU parking lot, parking garage or other campus parking area. (See Section 411.2032(b), Texas Government Code.)
- b. Students and employees may bring unloaded hunting rifles, shotguns, or other approved firearms and ammunition directly to the TCU Police Department to be checked in and stored in a locked gun vault.
- c. Law enforcement officers and other officials authorized by state law.
- d. Authorization in writing from the TCU Police Department's Chief of Police.

VI. Violation of Policy

Violation of this policy will result in appropriate disciplinary action, and may also subject the violator to removal from campus, arrest and criminal prosecution.