

# **ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

## **Concealed Handgun Carry on Campus**

### **Information for Students**

#### **Safety is our top priority**

The Arkansas State University System is dedicated to providing an educational and social climate that is safe for its students, employees, and visitors. Individuals who are properly licensed to carry a concealed handgun may do so on campus except in locations and at activities prohibited by law or as is specified in the ASU System Weapons Policy.

#### **Who is eligible to carry a concealed handgun on campus?**

A person licensed to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Arkansas who has also obtained the Arkansas State Police-approved enhanced training endorsement. Licensees must be twenty-one (21) years of age or older or certain members of the armed forces and meet eligibility requirements related to a criminal background, mental health history, and substance abuse.

#### **Will I encounter certain individuals who openly carry a handgun?**

Yes. Law enforcement officers, including University Police, Campus Police, and Public Safety officers may openly carry their service weapon.

#### **Is open carry otherwise allowed on campus?**

No. Anyone who sees an openly carried gun by anyone other than law enforcement should call 911.

#### **How does a licensee carry a concealed handgun on campus?**

A “concealed handgun” is a handgun that is covered from observation so as to prevent public view. A concealed handgun carry licensee may not carry a handgun openly or in any other manner in which it is visible to ordinary observation or in public view.

#### **Where may a person authorized to carry on campus store a handgun?**

Properly licensed individuals who decide to carry a concealed handgun must plan appropriately for its legal storage. A licensee may store a handgun in his or her own locked and unattended motor vehicle in a publicly owned and maintained parking lot.

A licensee may not store a handgun in the following areas:

- A university or college-operated student dormitory or residence hall.
- A locked office or desk drawer.
- An ASU vehicle.

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#### **Where are the areas on campus that carrying a concealed handgun is prohibited?**

State law exempts certain areas from concealed handgun carry including:

- A posted firearm-sensitive area, such as a collegiate athletic event.
- Grievance and disciplinary meetings conducted in accordance with university procedures.
- A daycare facility.
- Private educational institutions, such as the NYIT College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Specifically on the Jonesboro campus, because of Alcohol Beverage Control Board regulations, carrying a concealed handgun is also prohibited in the following areas:

- Centennial Bank Stadium
- Convocation Center
- Cooper Alumni Center
- Fowler Center
- Pavilion
- Tomlinson Stadium

#### **What should I do if I'm aware that someone is a concealed handgun carry licensee?**

Properly licensed individuals may not be excluded from class or elsewhere on campus because others feel uncomfortable. The act of lawfully carrying a concealed handgun is not in and of itself a disruption of class activity or other university operations.

#### **What should I do if I see a handgun and feel threatened?**

Any concerns about violations of the concealed handgun carry law should be brought to the immediate attention of the University Police or campus security. Emergencies should be reported to law enforcement by calling 911.

*For specific questions about concealed handgun carry licensing, please contact the Arkansas State Police at 501-618-8000 and see the [Services and Programs section](#) of the Arkansas State Police website.*