The purpose of this presentation is to give the campus community an overview of the “Campus Carry” policy, CHF(Local), that was approved by Collin College’s Board of Trustees on June 27, 2017.
As is the case with individuals possessing a driver’s license being expected to know the rules of the road in each state he or she drives through, such is the responsibility of the handgun license holder to understand the rules and regulations associated with his or her License To Carry (LTC) in Texas.

_The responsibility to know and comply with the law rests with the LTC Holder._
Quick Facts

- The LTC Holder is not required to show his or her license unless directed by a law enforcement officer.

- The LTC Holder may carry his or her concealed firearm into a campus building, except for spaces designated an “Exclusion Zone” by Collin College policy or State or Federal law.

- The LTC Holder who chooses to carry is personally responsible for any injury or damage as a result of the use of their handgun.
Quick Facts

- Possession of a handgun on College property while intoxicated, under the influence of illegal drugs, or while taking prescription drugs that impair judgment or physical abilities is prohibited.

- Accidental or negligent 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).

- Violation of the campus carry law is a criminal offense as set forth in Texas Penal Code Section 46.03.
• Around 3-4% of the population of the State of Texas has a license to carry.
• Most people who have a LTC are over the age of 40.
• In 2015, 0.2459% of criminal convictions were committed by LTC Holders.
This presentation includes the following:

- Definitions
- Background and history of “Campus Carry”
- Open Carry vs. Concealed Carry
- Where a LTC Holder may and may not carry on our campus, “Exclusion Zones”
- Specific Information for LTC Holders
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# Common Definitions

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<td>License to Carry (LTC)</td>
<td>Formerly called Concealed Handgun License (CHL). Generally, an applicant must meet 14 distinct standards to receive a License to Carry (LTC) in Texas. Among them are requirements that the applicant be:</td>
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<td>1) a legal resident of Texas for six months prior to application;</td>
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<td>3) not chemically dependent; and</td>
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<td>4) capable of exercising sound judgment with respect to the proper use and storage of a handgun.</td>
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*For more information, please visit [www.txdps.state.tx.us/rsd/chl/index.htm](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/rsd/chl/index.htm)*
## Word/Phrase | Definition
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License to Carry (LTC) | Exclusion Zones
 | An area of campus, building, or room in which the possession of a handgun is prohibited as provided in Collin College Board Policy CHF(Local).
Handgun | Any firearm designed, made, or adapted to be fired with one hand.
Background of Campus Carry

Texas Senate Bill 11, 84th Legislature (SB 11) is also called the “Campus Carry” law and was signed into law on June 13, 2015. It takes effect for Texas Community Colleges on August 1, 2017.

It allows for the carrying of concealed handguns by LTC Holders on all public college and university campuses including Collin College.
A district-wide Collin College Safety Committee, chaired by the Executive Vice President, will meet as needed but at least once each semester to review the college’s policy, any new legislation and legal decisions relating to this issue, and the effectiveness of the implementation of the college’s policy, CHF(Local). Advisory notes and recommendations from the Committee will be forwarded for review and consideration by the Executive Leadership Team, District President, and the Board of Trustees, as necessary.
Collin College Safety Committee

Dr. Brenda Kihl, Executive Vice President and Chair
Email: safety@collin.edu

For committee membership and information, visit https://www.collin.edu/aboutus/concealedcarry.html
Open vs. Concealed Carry?

Open Carry - Visible

Concealed Carry – Not Visible

Not allowed on Collin College campuses

LTC Holders are allowed on Collin College campuses, effective August 1, 2017
Concealed Carry Signage

Signs, such as the one to the right, are posted at locations where handguns are not allowed.

Example of a sign you may see on our campuses
Open Carry of Firearms on Campus

Open carry is **not** allowed at Collin College. If you see any type of firearm on campus:

**Contact Collin College Police immediately at 972-578-5555.**

- Get a description of the person (gender, hair color, age, height, race, clothing/other unique attributes),
  - what they were doing,
  - their specific location,
  - the direction they were headed,
  - their vehicle, etc.

- **Do not confront the individual(s)**
- Avoid escalating the situation
- If you see something, say something.
Concealed Carry on Campus

If you are a LTC Holder and choose to carry a concealed handgun on campus, you must:

- Make sure the handgun is completely concealed (not visible) on campus premises, including buildings, streets, driveways, sidewalks, walkways, parking lots, garages, or other parking areas.
- Carry it *on or about your person* at all times or secure it in your locked, personal vehicle.
- Guns may not be stored in lockers or anywhere on campus.
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.

Note: If you need to enter an exclusion zone, you must secure your handgun in your vehicle.
LTC Holders are responsible for knowing where they can and cannot carry a handgun. At Collin College, we have established Exclusion Zones, where concealed handguns are not allowed. These are outlined in Board Policy CHF(Local) and are highlighted in the following pages.

Our campuses have a wide variety of facilities and certain exclusion zones may be limited to a particular campus. In addition, there are some exclusion zones that are excluded *for a temporary period of time* while a particular activity takes place.

Appropriate signage that complies with the law will clearly indicate where these exclusion zones are located, including temporary exclusion zones.
Handguns may not be carried into any location providing childcare for minor children. At this time, only the Spring Creek Campus has a Child Development Lab School.
Exclusion Zones

Handguns are not permitted in polling locations. These are generally temporary areas and will be clearly marked for the duration of the early voting or election day processes.
Handguns are prohibited from room(s) where a meeting of a governmental entity is held, and if the meeting is an open meeting subject to chapter 551, Government Code, and notice as required by that chapter is provided.
Exclusion Zones

Handguns are prohibited in high hazard laboratories and health science education facilities where the presence of high hazard materials or operations create a significant risk of catastrophic harm due to a negligent discharge.
Handguns are prohibited from designated meeting room(s) in Student and Enrollment Services at each campus that can be used, as needed, for disciplinary meetings or counseling meetings.*

*Counseling and disciplinary meetings are not required to be held in these rooms.
Handguns are prohibited from facilities where professional, high school, or college sporting, or other interscholastic events are in progress.
Handguns are prohibited from locker rooms where individuals change clothes, including those at athletic facilities and health science education facilities.
Handguns are prohibited from any location or facility of Collin College, as directed or approved by the District President as necessary for campus safety, where effective notice on a temporary basis pursuant to Sections 30.06 and 30.07, Texas Penal Code has been given by the required signage. **An example might include a college facility where alcohol is being served for a special event.**
Storage of Handguns

Gun safes or storage areas will not be provided by the college. If you need to enter an exclusion area, you must secure your handgun in your vehicle or by other means.
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 Collin College policy are subject to discipline, up to and including termination.
- **Students** who do not follow Collin College policy are subject to discipline up to and including expulsion.
- Accidental discharge of a firearm is also cause for discipline up to and including termination for employees and up to and including expulsion for students.
License to Carry (LTC) Holders

Employees, other than licensed peace officers, are not authorized to use their weapon in the course or scope of their job duties.

Carrying is a *personal decision*. Employees accept *personal liability* for any injury or damage resulting from the use of their handgun.
Questions about Concealed Carry at Collin College?

If you have questions about the Concealed Carry policy, please visit https://www.collin.edu/aboutus/concealedcarry.html.

To submit comments or suggestions about the policy, please use the Collin College Safety Committee’s email address at safety@collin.edu.
Additional Resources

- Campus Carry Policy: CHF (LEGAL) and CHF (LOCAL)
- Campus Carry website
- Texas Senate Bill 11, 84th Legislature (SB 11), the “campus carry” law
- Texas Department of Public Safety, LTC Information
- Texas Government Code for DPS
- Texas Penal Code applicable to weapons