

## ***CONCEALED WEAPONS POLICY***

While the State of Ohio through the Ohio Revised Code Section 2923.126(A) establishes the privilege of carrying a concealed handgun, there are certain restrictions regulated by state and federal laws, as well as local ordinances that apply to all university employees (*faculty, administrative and classified staff*) while at work.

First, employees must carry a piece of valid government identification in addition to the handgun license.

Second, the law limits where a handgun can be carried. Ohio Revised Code Section 2923.126(B) lists the places where concealed handguns are **not** allowed. These include: police stations, sheriffs offices, highway patrol posts, premises controlled by the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, correctional institutions or other detention facilities, airport terminals or commercial airplanes, institutions for the care of mentally ill persons, courthouses or buildings in which a courtroom is located, **universities, unless locked in a motor vehicle or in the process of being locked in a motor vehicle**, places of worship, unless the place of worship permits otherwise, and child day-care centers. Concealed firearms are also banned from rooms or arenas in which liquor is dispensed and for which a class D permit has been issued. This concealed weapons ban would apply if you are sponsoring an off-campus university function in such a setting in which alcohol was to be served. Note also that a liquor permit extends to beverages that contain alcohol, not simply hard liquor. Beer, wine, mixers and the like are covered.

Additional restrictions apply to buildings under the control of the state or any of its political subdivisions, such as counties and cities. This prohibition also extends to all portions of any building that is leased by the state government. For example, it would extend to the floor of a private building that is leased by the government. Additionally, libraries, which are often funded through a consortium of governmental bodies, are covered by the statute. Ohio Revised Code Section 2923.1212 allows the posting of signs to alert license holders that concealed firearms are prohibited in a particular location.

There is no additional information on the Concealed Weapons Policy in either employee handbook or in the Charter's Faculty Handbook although the policy does apply to all employees.

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