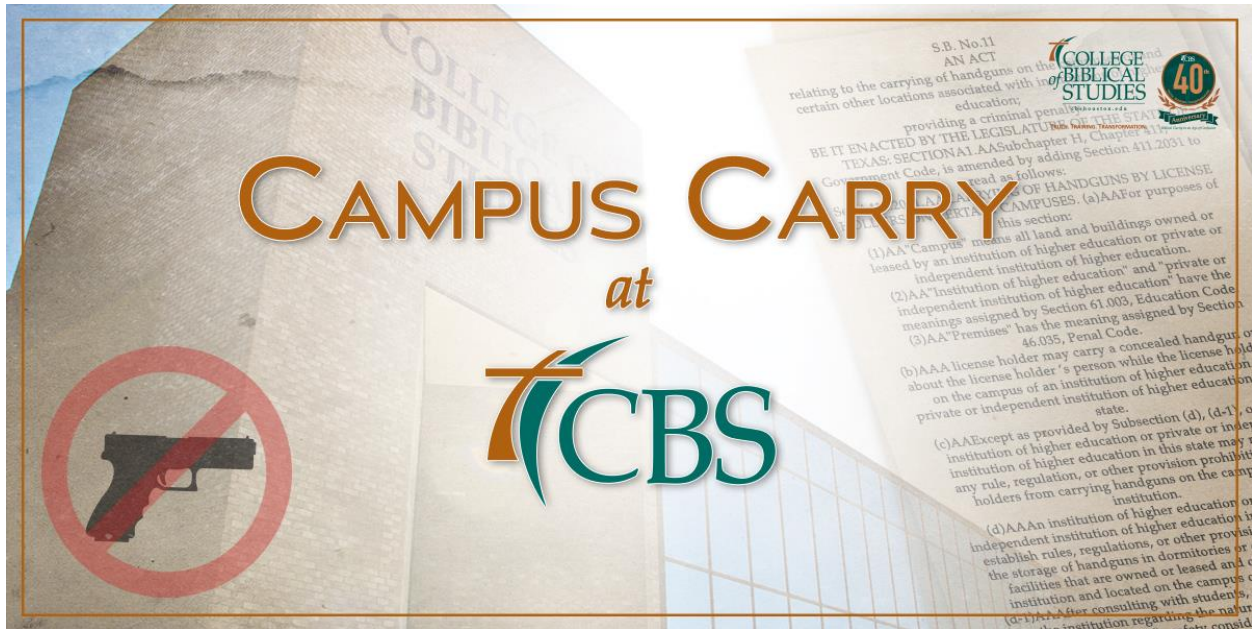


The College of Biblical Studies Campus Carry Policy



CBS takes the safety and well-being of our staff, students, and campus visitors very seriously. It is one of our top priorities, and it is with utmost care and diligence that we make decisions such as this.

After extensive review and evaluation of decisions from other private higher ed institutions, along with input from our staff, faculty, and students, a recommendation to opt out of campus carry was presented to the CBS board of trustees and was approved on June 28, 2016.

Therefore, CBS has opted out of the campus carry law. Weapons WILL NOT be allowed on CBS campus.

Campus Carry Law at a Glance:

Campus Carry Law S.B. 11 provides that license holders may carry a concealed handgun throughout university campuses, starting Aug. 1, 2016. However, the law gives private universities discretion to regulate campus carry including:

- Section (1) (e) A private or independent institution of higher education in this state, **after consulting with student, staff, and faculty of the institution, may establish rules,**

regulations, or other provisions prohibiting license holders from carrying handguns on the campus of the institution, any grounds or building on which an activity sponsored by the institution is being conducted, or a passenger transportation vehicle owned by the institution.

The campus carry law applies to all land and buildings owned or leased by an institution of higher education. **Open carry is not permitted on CBS property.** Violators of the campus carry law will be subject to gun confiscation, legal action, and possible revocation of their CHL by state authorities.

SPECIAL NOTE: The campus carry law as noted above is not open carry but allows for carrying of a concealed handgun by a licensed holder.

Campus Carry FAQ's

When will the campus carry law take effect?

August 1, 2016

What is the difference between open carry and campus carry?

Open Carry

The Texas Penal Code generally regulates when and where handguns may be carried. Where Texas law or regulation prohibits possession of firearms on particular premises, the prohibitions are enforced as a matter of criminal law. The open carry legislation states that holders of a handgun license may now carry their handgun visibly in a waist belt holster or a shoulder holster. Prior legislation, however, provided a number of locations where the carrying of a concealed handgun, notwithstanding licensure, was prohibited. See Texas Penal Code sections 46.03 & 46.035.

Senate Bill 11 only allows for the concealed carry of handguns by licensed holders on campus.

Consequently, open carry is not allowed on the CBS campus.

Campus Carry:

Prior to changes made in the 84th Legislature, individuals, with certain exceptions, such as law enforcement personnel, were prohibited from carrying handguns inside any CBS buildings, even if the individual held a concealed handgun license (CHL). Senate Bill 11 Campus Carry, mandates that, pursuant to a prescribed process, institutions of higher education alter their rules governing handgun possession. While the **open carry** legislation allows licensed holders, starting January 01, 2016, to openly carry their handguns in various locations in the State of Texas, the **campus carry** legislation broadens the right for licensed holders to carry handguns in a concealed manner on college campuses, if deemed appropriate by the college.

What do I do if I see someone with a weapon on campus?

Do not attempt to confront the individual. Alert CBS security at 713.545.8602 or the director of real estate operations at 713.545.8543.

What happens if someone violates CBS' campus carry policy?

A person who fails to comply with the concealed handgun rules and regulations prescribed by CBS will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination or dismissal from the College; and may also be in violation of Texas Penal Code Sections 46.03 and 46.035, subjecting the individual to criminal penalties.

Who are some of the other private institutions that have opted out of campus carry?

Examples of other private institutions who have made the decision to opt out of campus carry include:

- Baylor University
- Dallas Theological Seminary
- Houston Baptist University
- Rice University
- South Texas College of Law
- LeTourneau University
- University of St. Thomas

Where can I get more information about campus carry, concealed carry, and open carry?

There is helpful information available on the internet, including:

- [Texas Department of Public Safety, LTC information](#)
- [Texas Government Code for the Department of Public Safety](#)
- [Texas Penal Code applicable to Weapons](#)

Providing a safe environment in which to work and learn is an ongoing process. This is just one part of a much larger, broader crisis management plan in place to ensure the safety of our CBS community.

Serving Him together,

President Bill Blocker