

Q: I want to ban both concealed and open carry of handguns in my store, what do I need to do?

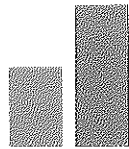
A: If you wish to prohibit both concealed carry and open carry of handguns you can communicate this policy via proper signage or verbally to a customer.

Signage

Four separate signs must be placed near all store entrances. The signs must be in large block font and in contrasting colors with font measuring a minimum of one inch in height. Both signs must be in English and Spanish versions stating the businesses policy banning concealed and open carry handguns.

Verbal

Owners, managers, and employees may verbally communicate a stores' policy to ban concealed and open carry of handguns. The verbal communication must be consistent to all customers and must allow the customer the opportunity to return the handgun to their vehicle.



An online poll conducted by the Texas Food & Fuel Association found that 57% of retailers do not plan to ban open carry of handguns in their stores.

Q: What is required to allow open carry AND concealed carry of handguns at my store?

A: New signs are not needed if you wish allow for open carry and concealed carry of handguns; however, you must still have the required TABC signs posted. It is important that businesses communicate to their employees of company policies regarding open and concealed carry of handguns in the store.

Q: What signs do I need if I want to allow concealed carry but NOT open carry?

A: There are separate signs for prohibiting concealed carry and open carry of handguns. If a business chooses to **allow for concealed carry but prohibit open carry** then only the open carry sign needs to be posted.

Q: Sections 30.06 and 30.07 of the Texas Penal Code say that a private property owner can give notice using "a card or other document." Does that mean I can prohibit people by posting a business card or other small document with the required text?

A: No. If the private property owner chooses to post a notice, it must comply with the 1-inch block-letter, contrasting color, and all other requirements.

Q: How does the new law affect Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) signs?

A: Retail locations selling alcohol for off-premise consumption must continue to have all required signage posted. The new law does not affect TABC signs.

Below are the four required TABC signs:

Weapons Warning

It is unlawful to carry a weapon on the premises unless the person is licensed to carry the weapon under the concealed handgun law.

Consumption Warning

It is a crime (misdemeanor) to consume liquor or beer on these premises.

Public Information/Complaint

If you have a complaint about the sale or service of alcoholic beverages in this establishment, please contact the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, PO Box 13127, Austin, Texas 78711-3127, or phone 1-888-THE-TABC.

National Human Trafficking Hotline Number (English and Spanish) Warning

Obtaining forced labor or services is a crime under Texas law. Call the national human trafficking hotline: 1-888-373-7888. You may remain anonymous.

Q: What are the penalties against someone who ignores the signage and/or verbal communication of a prohibition of open carrying on private property?

A: It is a Class C misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$200 for a license holder to openly carry a handgun onto private property after receiving effective notice. The offense will be enhanced to a Class A misdemeanor if it is shown at trial that, after entering the property, the license holder was personally given the notice by oral communication and subsequently failed to depart.

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