

Firearm Frequently Asked Questions

1. What should I do if I see a person open carrying on campus?

If you do not see a law enforcement badge, contact the University Police immediately at 911.

2. What should I do if I find ammunition, a magazine, or gun on campus?

Call University Police immediately at 911.

3. Can I open carry on campus?

No, the general public cannot open carry on university campuses in Utah, ref. Utah State code 76-10-505.5.

4. Can faculty ask me to not carry in my class?

Yes, they can ask, but it is still your choice. You cannot be negatively impacted if you choose to lawfully carry.

5. Do I have to tell classmates, faculty, coworkers or administrators that I carry a firearm?

No, there is no legal requirement to let them know when you carry.

6. Can I clean my weapon or remove it from the holster while on campus?

No, cleaning or removing your weapon from your holster beyond self-defense is unlawful and you may be criminally charged for disorderly conduct. The state will be notified and you will possibly have your conceal carry permit revoked.

7. Can I carry a loaded firearm in my car on campus?

Yes, but there are some exceptions. Read the following, Utah State code 76-10-505.

8. If I get stopped by a police officer, do I, as a concealed permit holder, have to tell the officer that I have a gun in my possession?

Although there is no legal requirement to identify yourself to a law enforcement officer, it is recommended to do so. If an officer finds or sees a gun on your person during their contact with you, and you have not identified yourself as a permit holder in legal possession of a firearm, the officer may assume you are carrying the gun illegally and may take defensive action. For the safety of all involved, it is recommended to immediately identify yourself to the officer as a permit holder in possession of a handgun. This action gives the officer some assurance they are most likely dealing with a law abiding citizen.

9. As a concealed permit holder, exactly, where can I carry or not carry a handgun on campus?

The concealed firearm permit allows individuals to carry a firearm fully loaded and concealed. The permit allows an individual to open carry or conceal carry on campus. Permit holders cannot carry a firearm into any secured area in which firearms are prohibited and notice posted, or otherwise prohibited by state or federal law.

10. If I feel someone MAY be a threat to me, can I show them that I have a gun to scare them off?

Any action you take with a gun must be in direct self-defense; otherwise, it may be considered threatening with a dangerous weapon and you could be labeled as the aggressor. You may be criminally charged and you will possibly have your permit to carry a concealed firearm revoked. Carrying a firearm is very serious business. There is not room for mistakes. If you pull a firearm on someone or even display the weapon, then it must be in self-defense or it is not justified.

11. Do I have to be a Utah resident to obtain a concealed firearm permit?

No. Any U.S. citizen or legal resident (with the intent to reside in the United States) may obtain a Utah concealed firearm permit, providing they meet the minimum qualifications.

12. Can I bring a firearm on campus for a class presentation?

Yes, there is a process to follow to ensure everyone is fully informed. Call University Police to make arrangements at 435-586-1911 after getting approval from the instructor. Please have your instructor email us at police@suu.edu with the class information and their approval.

13. Who can find out if I have a CWP?

This is protected information, it is restricted and only law enforcement can find out. University administrators and faculty do not have access to this information. Utah code 53-5-708(1)(e)(ii) *A governmental agency may not compel or attempt to compel an individual who has been issued a concealed firearm permit to divulge whether the individual: (A) has been issued a concealed firearm permit; or (B) is carrying a concealed firearm.*

14. Where can I get my fingerprints for a CWP?

University police department offers this service for a \$10 fee that is payable at the cashier's office. Call for the current times this service is available.

15. Is my CWP from my home state valid in Utah or on Campus?

Utah does honor all valid CWP issued by another state or county as per Utah code 76-10-523.

16. Who manages concealed carry permits for Utah?

Utah Bureau of Criminal Identification
3888 West 5400 South
Taylorsville, Utah 84129
(801) 965-4485, (801) 957-8512, or (801) 965-4561
Website: <http://bci.utah.gov/>

For clarification and questions please call University Police, 435-586-1911.