

Email from Chancellor Steinmetz
Regarding Full Implementation of Campus Carry
For Students, Faculty and Staff

Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 24

A Message About Campus Carry

Dear Students, Faculty and Staff,

As you may know, all public universities in Arkansas are now transitioning to the full implementation of the state's new concealed carry laws. We've worked for months to create awareness about the details of the laws and how they would be applied to higher education. We began to ask for campus feedback in April of last year and used the questions we received to help guide the information and resources available at safety.uark.edu. I hope that's been a useful resource for you. The site has been updated with the latest information and we will continue to add useful information there moving forward. We may not have all the answers yet but we feel like we are as prepared as we can be to help make this as smooth a transition as possible for our campus.

Please remember, handguns are only allowed on campus as specifically authorized by state law. Each individual who lawfully possesses a handgun and an enhanced carry permit is required to keep the handgun concealed from public view at all times and is responsible for carrying the handgun in a safe manner.

If an individual carries a concealed handgun in a personal carrier such as a backpack, purse, or handbag, the carrier must remain within the individual's immediate vicinity (within arm's reach). As a student, faculty or staff member, you may be required at some point to engage in activities requiring you to be separated from your belongings, and so you should plan accordingly. Anyone who violates the concealed carry laws while on campus may be subject to criminal prosecution and/or discipline by the University, up to and including dismissal. If you observe someone displaying a handgun or other weapon on campus, it should be reported to the University of Arkansas Police Department.

Please utilize safety.uark.edu for more information. Also, our final forum on the implementation of concealed carry on campus will be held Thursday, Jan. 25 from 10-11 a.m. in the E.J. Ball Courtroom at the School of Law. The other forums we've held over the past five months have been productive. I know Thursday's event will be beneficial as well.

Providing a safe and secure campus is vitally important to the University of Arkansas. I know you share this value and I want to thank you for your commitment to campus safety. Please join me in continuing to work together to provide a safe and secure learning environment for our campus community.

Thank you,
Chancellor Joe Steinmetz