

How to Keep Firearms Carried Without Permits Out of Your Business

Beginning on September 1, 2021, a person in Texas will no longer be required to obtain a permit to carry a handgun in public. However, owners of private businesses or property still have the right to choose to prohibit guns from being carried on their private property.



If business or property owners post [this 11×17 “30.05” sign](#) in a conspicuous place at each entrance, it will be illegal for a person to carry firearms without a License to Carry (LTC) on the property.

Instructions for “30.05” Signage

- This sign, known as a “[30.05 sign](#)” after the section number of the law creating it, will legally prohibit people from carrying firearms without an LTC at your establishment.
- Post the sign at each entrance to the business, in a place that is clearly visible to the public.
- We are informing businesses and private property owners about the enactment of this new law so that, should they choose, they can post signs to ensure that firearms carried without a permit are not being carried on their property.
- The new law also eliminates the requirement that non-bar alcohol retailers post a sign prohibiting permitless carry (known as the “blue sign”). These businesses will be required to post a 30.05 sign if they want to prohibit permitless carry.

Please note that this “30.05” sign will only prohibit people who are carrying firearms *without a permit* on posted property.

To prohibit a person with an LTC from carrying handguns onto posted property, businesses will still be required to post a “[30.06 sign](#)” (prohibiting concealed carry) and a “[30.07 sign](#)” (prohibiting open carry) in the same manner described above.

Please note that Texas law requires the lettering on all 30.05, 30.06 and 30.07 signs to be at least one-inch tall. This means that 30.05 signs must be printed at least 11 inches by 17 inches and 30.06 and 30.07 signs must be printed at least 18 inches by 24 inches.

If you find that the signs required by current Texas law to prohibit firearms from your business are too large or burdensome to post, you have other options.

- You can post a smaller sign of your own design stating that guns carried without a license (or, if you wish, guns in general) are prohibited.
- This sort of sign will not legally prohibit people from bringing firearms into your establishment—but it will convey your preferred policy to responsible gun owners.
- If someone ignores your sign and carries a gun into your establishment, you can tell them that you do not allow guns in your establishment, at which point they will be legally obligated to leave.

For more information, scan the QR code above or visit <https://tinyurl.com/TXsignage>