

TIPS FOR CARRYING:

- Have your permit and a valid form of photo identification with you whenever you are carrying a concealed handgun. (*Section 18-12-204(2)(a), Colorado Revised Statutes, requires it*)
- Carry your handgun securely, in a holster, preferably one that covers the trigger and trigger guard of your handgun.
- Carry your handgun concealed, as suggested above.
- Become proficient in the use and safe handling of your handgun. Practice shooting your handgun and practice drawing your handgun from its concealed carry position on your person. Know your handgun's make, model, serial number, and ballistic capability.
- If involved in a shooting, make yourself a "non-threat" to responding law enforcement personnel by not having your handgun in your hand upon their arrival. Follow their commands without hesitation! Law enforcement personnel will treat **anyone** with a gun as a threat!
- Periodically review the information given in the class required for the issuance of your permit. In particular review when and why you would be justified in drawing and shooting your handgun.

QUESTIONS?

For questions concerning the carrying of concealed handguns on the Auraria campus, please contact the Auraria Police Department at 303-556-5000. To read the Auraria Campus Weapons Policy, go to Auraria Higher Education Center Campus Policies website at www.ahec.edu/policies, and click on the "Weapons Policy."



Prepared for students, faculty and staff
on the Auraria Campus



CARRYING CONCEALED HANDGUNS

ON THE
AURARIA CAMPUS

WHAT DOES "CONCEALED" MEAN?

Carrying a concealed handgun means that not only is the handgun is not "visible", but also that it is not apparent that you are concealing one. If you have a handgun that is covered by clothing that is so tight fitting as to reveal the shape of the handgun or holster, this is NOT concealed. Even though someone might not actually see the handgun, its outline would suggest that it is a handgun. Try to wear clothing that is loose enough to not outline the handgun or holster, and covers both sufficiently to accommodate your movements. Conduct a "mirror check" before you leave the house to see if your handgun or holster is visible when you stand, turn, bend over, or move about. It is important that you carry your handgun discretely so that you do not risk creating an intimidating atmosphere or cause panic. If you intentionally display your handgun to someone else, in the holster or not, without legal justification, you risk panicking that person and others. Doing so could result in the possible revocation of your permit.

STORING YOUR HANDGUN

If you choose to not carry your handgun on campus, there are several options you can select from. You can simply leave the handgun at home, properly stored. You could leave the handgun in your personal vehicle, stored in the trunk or locked glove compartment (not recommended). Also, you could store your handgun at the Auraria Police Department, which provides lockers specifically for this purpose. Loading and unloading your handgun, for the purpose of storing it with the Auraria Police Department, should be done under the supervision of the Officer checking your weapon in. This is to ensure the safe handling of the handgun and minimize any risk to public safety.

WHO CAN CARRY?

Anyone who possesses a valid, and legal, State of Colorado Concealed Handgun Permit, issued by their local county Sheriff, may carry a "concealed" handgun on the Auraria Campus.

WHAT CAN BE CARRIED?

The valid and legal Concealed Handgun Permit allows the holder to carry a concealed handgun for the purpose of self defense.

HOW SHOULD YOU CARRY?

Although Colorado law does not have a requirement as to the means by which you should carry a handgun concealed on your person, the Auraria Police Department strongly recommends that the handgun be carried in a holster which is secured safely to you and is designed to prevent the handgun from falling out or being discharged accidentally. Carrying the handgun "tucked" in the waist band of your pants, loose in a pocket, or in a backpack or purse, is not secure, and may lead to the handgun being dropped or discharging accidentally. A holster that covers the trigger guard and trigger of the handgun is highly recommended.