

Open Carry FAQ and HB 910 Analysis

- **When will licensed open carry go into effect?**

January 1 2016

- **Will I be required additional training or to get a new license, one that doesn't say "concealed"?**

No, no additional training is required and after January 1st a renewed license will be for a handgun license. You now have a License To Carry.

- **Will reciprocity with other states change?**

No, Texans must follow other state's laws, some of which allow open carry and some do not. Licensees traveling to Texas from states enjoying full reciprocity with Texas must follow our laws, as always.

- **Am I required to have a certain type of holster for my handgun if it's all or partially exposed?**

Yes, statute requires a belt or shoulder holster for your handgun to be exposed, including in your vehicle. If you're in your vehicle and your handgun is exposed it must be in a belt or shoulder holster or stored out of sight. There is no requirement for a retention holster, that's at your discretion.

- **Can I be prevented access from any location while carrying an exposed handgun?**

Yes, in order for private property owners, not listed as prohibited in current law, to prohibit access by a licensee with an exposed or partially exposed handgun, the location must post PC 30.07 sign. This simply means concealed is okay and but exposed is not. You could also be asked to leave. Walking past a PC 30.07 sign is a class C misdemeanor but refusing to leave when you've been asked to do so is a class A and could cause the loss of your license. If you are asked to leave, do so immediately.

Note: If a business wants to prohibit all licensees, they must post both PC 30.06 and PC 30.07. Also, NO exposed handguns are allowed on the grounds or any portion of a college campus, only those that are concealed.

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