I. Title
 Possession of Weapons

II. Policy
The possession of a weapon in violation of Texas Penal Code or other applicable laws anywhere on the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) premises is strictly forbidden and may result in criminal prosecution. In addition to any criminal sanctions that may be imposed, employees, faculty, house staff, and students found in violation of this policy are subject to disciplinary action which may include termination.

A person with a handgun license (license holder), issued pursuant to § 411 of the Texas Government Code, may carry a concealed handgun on his or her person or in a closely controlled manner on the campus of UTMB in accordance with the law and IHOP Policy 08.02.09 Concealed Carry of Handguns on UTMB’s Campus.

The University Police Department must be notified immediately when a person is either observed or suspected of possessing a prohibited weapon in violation of this policy.

III. Exceptions
Licensed peace officers are allowed to possess weapons in this State, including on UTMB premises.

IV. Definitions
Premises: a building or a portion of a building. It does not include a public or private driveway, street, sidewalk or walkway, parking lot, parking garage, or other parking area.

Weapon: a weapon defined as such by Chapter 46 of The Texas Penal Code

V. Relevant Federal and State Statutes
Texas Penal Code §§ 46.01-05

VI. Related UTMB Policies and Procedures
IHOP - 08.02.09 - Concealed Carry of Handguns on UTMB’s Campus

VII. Dates Approved or Amended

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VIII. Contact Information
UTMB Police
(409) 772-1503