

**Institutional Handbook of Operating Procedures**  
**Policy 08.02.04**

Section: Health, Safety, and Security	Responsible Vice President: UTMB Chief of Police
Subject: Security Policies	Responsible Entity: UTMB Police Department

**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](#)

[Texas Government Code § 411.2031](#) Carrying of Handguns by License Holders on Certain Campuses.

**VI. Related UTMB Policies and Procedures**

[IHOP - 08.02.09 - Concealed Carry of Handguns on UTMB's Campus](#)

**VII. Dates Approved or Amended**

<i>Originated: 06/20/1996</i>	
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10/03/2013	08/05/2020
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**VIII. Contact Information**

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