



CAMPUS CARRY IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

Spring 2024

STEERING COMMITTEE

THIS GROUP:

- identifies safety concerns for all campuses and works with sub-groups to develop best practices and solutions.
- makes recommendations to the University based on the input provided by the sub-groups.
- communicates with the campus community on a frequent basis to share goals, action plans and results.

MEMBERS:

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CAMPUS SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEES

MORGANTOWN PARTNERSHIP

CO-CHAIRS: RON JUSTICE AND ERIN NEWMAYER

This group will work with the City of Morgantown to identify safety concerns for the downtown area, as well as other areas in Morgantown, and work in partnership with various Morgantown leaders and agencies to develop solutions and assist with community development projects. Meets every six weeks or as circumstances dictate.

CAMPUS SAFETY

CHAIR: CARRIE SHOWALTER

This group will identify safety concerns on WVU's campuses and develop solutions and best practices to address those concerns. This group will communicate frequently with the campus community on projects. Meets monthly or as circumstances dictate.

CAMPUS SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEES

COMMUNICATION

CHAIR: APRIL KAULL

This sub-group will develop strategic communications to educate the campus community on progress of the Campus Safety groups, as well as develop campus safety messaging to be shared throughout the academic year. This group also will work with the city's communication team to create shared messaging when appropriate. Meets monthly or as circumstances dictate.

CAMPUS CARRY

CHAIR: TRAVIS MOLLOHAN

This sub-group will make recommendations to the Campus Safety Steering Group regarding safety provisions, requirements and communications needed to implement Campus Carry on all WVU campuses by July 1, 2024. Meets monthly or as circumstances dictate.

CAMPUS CARRY SUB-COMMITTEE

The Campus Carry Subcommittee is represented by a cross-section of our campuses and our programs including:

- / Students
- / Faculty
- / Staff
- / Carruth Center
- / Creative Arts Center
- / Extension
- / Facilities
- / General Counsel
- / Government Relations
- / Health Sciences
- / Hospital System
- / Libraries
- / Provost's Office
- / Research
- / Student Life
- / Student Housing
- / Talent and Culture
- / University Relations
- / UPD
- / Visitors Center
- / WWU Beckley
- / WWU Keyser



CAMPUS SELF-DEFENSE ACT

On **July 1**, Senate Bill 10, the Campus Self Defense Act, will take effect in West Virginia. Passed by the West Virginia Legislature in 2023, the Campus Self Defense Act allows a person to carry a concealed pistol or revolver on the grounds of an institution of higher education, with some exceptions, if that person has a current and valid license to carry a concealed deadly weapon.

West Virginia University is following the state law passed by the West Virginia Legislature and signed by Gov. Jim Justice in 2023.

All higher education institutions in West Virginia are required to adhere to the Campus Self-Defense Act.

With limited exceptions, BOG Rule 5.14 requires WVU to allow concealed pistols or revolvers to be carried on campuses throughout the WVU System by people with current and valid concealed carry licenses.

The Rule applies to West Virginia University campuses including Morgantown, West Virginia University Institute of Technology in Beckley, WVU Potomac State College in Keyser and Health Sciences campuses in Charleston, Martinsburg and Bridgeport.

BOG RULE 5.14

Under the revised and approved BOG Rule 5.14, concealed carry will remain prohibited in the following areas throughout the WVU System after the Campus Self-Defense Act takes effect July 1, 2024:

- ✓ At an organized event taking place at a stadium or arena with a capacity of more than 1,000 spectators;
- ✓ At a daycare facility located on WVU property;
- ✓ In the secure area of any building used by University Police or other law-enforcement agency on WVU property;
- ✓ In an area that has adequate security measures to ensure pistols or revolvers are not to be carried by the public into the area – any such area designated by the University under this exception will provide reasonable notice to the public and campus community;

BOG RULE 5.14

- ✓ In an on-campus room or rooms in which a student or employee disciplinary proceeding is being held;
- ✓ In sole occupancy offices, but only in those offices where the sole occupant notifies those who may be entering that concealed pistols and revolvers are prohibited;
- ✓ At a primary or secondary education school-sponsored function being held in a specific location on WVU property that is rented, leased or under the exclusive use of the West Virginia Department of Education, the West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities Commission, a county school board or a local public school when the function is occurring;
- ✓ At a private function that is being held in a specific location on WVU property that is rented, leased, or under exclusive use of an entity when the function is occurring – any such function designated under this exception will provide reasonable notice to attendees;

BOG RULE 5.14

- ✓ In any WVU property where possession of a firearm is prohibited by state or federal law;
- ✓ In specifically designated areas in which patient care or mental health counseling is being provided. In these cases, the University will provide reasonable notice to the public and campus community about what areas are designated under this exception;
- ✓ In high hazardous and animal laboratories, which are defined by the Campus Self-Defense Act. In these cases, the University will provide reasonable notice to the public and campus community about what areas are designated under this exception; and
- ✓ In on-campus residence halls, except common areas such as lounges, dining areas and study areas. This exception does not apply to employees whose responsibilities require them to be in an on-campus residence hall.

EXAMPLES OF EXEMPTED SPACES

- ✓ **At an Organized Event with 1,000+ Spectators** – WVU Coliseum, Lyell B. Clay Theater (during events, i.e., when gates open)
- ✓ **Daycare/Child Learning Center** – WVU Daycare (off-campus but would still be exempt); Mountaineer Kidzone in Rec Center
- ✓ **On-Campus Disciplinary Proceedings** – Morgan House (during hearings)
- ✓ **Where Possession Prohibited by Federal Law** – National Guard Recruiting Office in Eagle Place
- ✓ **Patient Care and Mental Health Counseling** – Student Health Building
- ✓ **High Hazardous and Animal Laboratories** – Examples include rooms in the following buildings: Life Sciences; Engineering Research Building; Chemical Research Laboratory; Clark Hall

RESOURCES AND SAFETY MEASURES

- ✓ Secure lockers
- ✓ Metal detectors at designated events (i.e., Athletics, Fall Fest, etc.)
- ✓ Signage in designated areas
- ✓ Campus maps and facilities list
- ✓ Syllabus statement
- ✓ UPD training and resources

WHERE TO FIND CAMPUS CARRY UPDATES

- ✓ Additional information and updates are available at safety.wvu.edu/campus-carry.
- ✓ New resources include:
 - ✓ Updated FAQ
 - ✓ Inside WVUToday interview with Campus Carry Sub-Group Chair Travis Mollohan

QUESTIONS?

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