

## TENNESSEE

**Type of Carry Allowed: Concealed or Open**

**Restaurant Carry: Yes**

**Must Inform A Law Officer When Armed: No**

### Restricted Locations

- Any room in which judicial proceedings are in progress.
- Any public or private school building or bus, on any public or private school campus, grounds, recreation area, athletic field or any other property owned, used or operated by any board of education, school, college or university board of trustees, regents or directors for the administration of any public or private educational institution.
- It is not an offense for a non-student adult to possess a firearm, if such firearm is contained within a private vehicle operated by the adult and is not handled by such adult, or by any other person acting with the expressed or implied consent of such adult, while the vehicle is on school property.
- An individual, corporation, business entity or government entity or agent thereof is authorized to prohibit possession of weapons by any person otherwise authorized by this subsection, at meetings conducted by, or on premises owned, operated, managed or under control of such individual, corporation, business entity or government entity. Notice of such prohibition shall be posted in prominent locations, including all entrances primarily used by persons entering the building, portion of the building or buildings where weapon possession is prohibited.

**39-17-1321 Possession of handgun while under influence penalty. a)** Notwithstanding whether a person has a permit issued pursuant to **§39-17-1315** or **§39-17-1351**, it is an offense for a person to possess a handgun while under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substance. A violation of this section is a Class A misdemeanor.

**(2)** In addition to the punishment authorized by subdivision (1), if the violation is of subsection (a), occurs in an establishment described in subdivision (b)(1), and the person has a handgun permit issued pursuant to **§39-17-1351**, such permit shall be suspended in accordance with **§39-17-1352** for a period of three (3) years.

- This subdivision (c)(3) is subject to the provisions of **§ 39-17-1359**, permitting a property owner to post notices on such property prohibiting firearms.

### Carrying in state parks

A Tennessee resident possessing a handgun while within the boundaries of any state park, if the resident is in immediate possession of a valid handgun carry permit issued to such resident pursuant to **§ 39-17-1351**.

- Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit any Tennessee resident from possessing a handgun while within the boundaries of any state park, if the residents in immediate possession of a valid handgun carry permit issued to such resident pursuant to **§ 39-17-1351**.
- Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, neither the department of environment and conservation nor any other entity of state or local government shall prohibit any Tennessee resident from possessing a handgun while within the boundaries of any state park, if the resident is in immediate possession of a valid handgun carry permit issued to such resident pursuant to **§ 39-17-1351**.

### **39-17-1311.**

#### **Carrying Weapons on Public Parks, Playgrounds, Civic Centers and Other Public Recreational Buildings and Grounds.**

It is an offense for any person to possess or carry, whether openly or concealed, with the intent to go armed, any weapon prohibited by § 39-17-1302(a), not used solely for instructional, display or sanctioned ceremonial purposes, in or on the grounds of any public park, playground, civic center or other building facility, area or property owned, used or operated by any municipal, county or state government, or instrumentality thereof, for recreational purposes. (b) (1) Subsection (a) shall not apply to the following persons: (A) Persons employed in the army, air force, navy, coast guard or marine service of the United States or any member of the Tennessee national guard when in discharge of their official duties and acting under orders requiring them to carry arms or weapons; (E) Any pupils who are members of the reserve officers training corps or pupils enrolled in a course of instruction or members of a club or team, and who are required to carry arms or weapons in the discharge of their official class or team duties; (G) A registered security guard/officer, who meets the requirements of title 62, chapter 35, while in the performance of the officer's duties; (H) Persons possessing a handgun, who are authorized to carry the handgun pursuant to § 39-17- 1351, while within or on a public park, natural area, historic park, nature trail, campground, forest, greenway, waterway, or other similar public place that is owned or operated by the state, a county, a municipality, or instrumentality thereof; (I) Persons possessing a handgun, who are authorized to carry the handgun pursuant to § 39-17-1351, while within or on property designated by the federal government as a national park, forest, preserve, historic park, military park, trail or recreation area, to the extent permitted by federal law (g) For the purposes of this section, a "greenway" means an open-space area following a natural or manmade linear feature designed to be used for recreation, transportation, conservation, and to link services and facilities. A greenway is a paved, gravel-covered, woodchip covered, or wood-covered path that connects one greenway entrance with another greenway entrance. In the event a greenway traverses a park that is owned or operated by a county, municipality or instrumentality thereof, the greenway shall be considered a portion of that park unless designated otherwise by the local legislative body. Except as provided in this part, the definition of a greenway in this section shall not be applicable to any other provision of law.

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