

**Manhattan Area Technical College
Institutional Policy and Procedure Manual**

Policy No. 5.10.3

Title: Concealed Carry Handguns (CCH) and Open Carry Handgun	
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Policy Statement

The Manhattan Area Technical College (MATC) seeks to maintain a safe and secure environment in which to conduct educational, research, and training activities.

Carry Concealed Handgun (CCH) is a handgun that a person who is not prohibited from possessing a firearm under either federal or state law may carry in a concealed fashion, except where prohibited as detailed in state law (KSA 75-7c10). CCH laws refer to firearms defined as handguns by state law.

The display or “open carry” of any handgun is **strictly prohibited** by college policy except in defense of one’s self or an immediate third person. Display is defined as the intentional showing, presenting, exhibiting and or drawing of a handgun from a position of concealment on one’s person. Other than for authorized security and/or law enforcement, no handguns or firearms shall be openly carried on any college property or at college events.

On July 1st, 2017 CCH will become legal on Manhattan Area Technical College property.

CCH individuals who carry a handgun on campus must carry it on or about their person at all times or secure their handgun in a locked, privately-owned or leased motor vehicle. A CCH individual may not carry a partially or wholly visible handgun on campus premises or on any college driveway, street, sidewalk or walkway, parking lot, or other parking area.

CCH individuals who carry a handgun on campus must carry it in a holster that completely covers the trigger and the entire trigger guard area. The holster must have sufficient tension on the handgun to retain it in the holster.

CCH should be avoided in areas where the discharge of a firearm might cause great harm, such as laboratories with dangerous chemicals, biologic agents, or explosive agents, and areas with equipment that may snag, catch, or make contact the weapon, and with equipment that is incompatible with metallic objects.

Any person may be subject to disciplinary action including but not limited to dismissal from the college and/or criminal prosecution for:

- Intentionally displaying a concealed handgun without cause or reason
- Possession of a handgun under the influence of alcohol or mind altering drugs

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- Leaving or storing, intentionally or unintentionally, a firearm in a location not authorized by this policy
- Accidental or unintentional discharge of a firearm on college property
- Open carry of a handgun
- Threatening or verbalizing, even in jest, to shoot another person with a concealed handgun (other than in self-defense)

MATC will not maintain a list of concealed carry license holders. This information is not a matter of public record. MATC employees may not, under any circumstances, require students or other employees to disclose their concealed carry license status.

Students and guests are also prohibited from storing a firearm on College property other than in a secured compartment in their vehicle, or in a safe if provided by the college. Persons who choose to store their weapons in their vehicles are encouraged to do so in a concealed manner in compliance with local, state and federal laws, preferably in a locked compartment inside their vehicle. It is also advisable not to disclose the presence of said weapon to anyone other than authorities if asked.

Any person(s) found to violate this policy may have their firearm seized and secured by College Security and/or Law Enforcement and will be subject to all appropriate penalties under College policy and applicable local and state laws.

MATC reserves the right to change, modify or adapt this policy at any time for the safety of its College population.