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Dear members of the *Compliance with 2025 Legislative Action Working Group*,

Thank you for the good discussion at our first meeting on May 8, 2025. One goal of the committee is to be more transparent and effective in communication with University stakeholders. We ask that you share this email with your constituents, including faculty/staff in the units you represent (please work with your supervisors or chairs as needed to distribute this message). If you receive any feedback or questions, please bring them to the Working Group at the May 22, 2025, meeting. We will try to do a similar message for each new law that we cover.

In February 2025, the Wyoming Legislature passed House Bill 0172, also known as Repeal Gun Free Zones and Preemption Amendments, enacted as House Enrolled Act No. 24, and codified at Wyo. Stat. §6-8-105. This new law repeals most existing gun-free zones and strengthens state preemption of local firearm regulations. The law removes the authority of the University to prohibit the lawful carry of concealed handguns on most parts of campus by individuals who have obtained a Wyoming state issued concealed carry permit. This means that, when the new law goes into effect on July 1, 2025, the University and the state's community colleges will no longer be able to enforce campus-wide firearm bans or adopt policies that are more restrictive than state law. However, the law does allow the University to prohibit the open carry of firearms in its facilities.

At the March 2025 Board of Trustees meeting, the University proposed (and the Board approved) changes to its dangerous weapons policy in UW Regulation 6-4 to recognize concealed carry on campus in compliance with the law, restrict open carry in UW facilities, and implement a storage requirement for firearms when they are not being carried by the permit holder.

Please refer to the published FAQ page for general information on the new law and detailed guidance on the University's campus carry policies including the differences between constitutional carry, open carry, and permitted concealed carry, and how each may apply to campus. Only concealed handguns will be allowed in UW facilities under the language of the revised regulation. Guidance on the rights of the carrying individual, faculty, and campus members in general are addressed including what to do if you see a firearm and when it may be appropriate to notify UWPD. The FAQs further outline who may carry and where and identifies exclusion zones across campus such as events where alcohol is being served, including Pokes Pub, health services settings (for example, Student Health Services, University Counseling Center, etc.), and facilities where explosive or volatile materials are present. If you believe your lab or space may qualify as an exclusion zone, please contact UW Safety to determine if the requested space qualifies under the explosives or volatile chemicals exception, or your vice president or dean for approval of any other exclusion zones. To be consistent, please use UW Operations to provide and install any signage (at no cost to the unit).

Additional questions about the implementation and enforcement of the new law can be directed to UWPD found at this [link](#).

- The text of the House Enrolled Act 24 is available [here](#).
- Changes to UW Regulation 6-4 allowing for concealed carry is available [here](#).
- The FAQ page on UWPD's website is available [here](#).

The UW Firearms Research Center and UWPD are working on voluntary safety and firearms training for faculty, staff, and students (more to come on that).

Thank you!

Chief Holland, Mike Smith, and Tara Evans