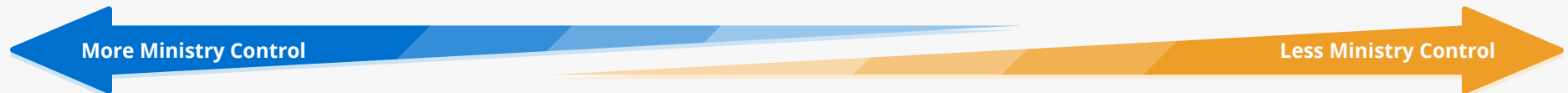


FIREARMS AT CHURCH

Who can carry firearms on ministry property?



The regulations for carrying a firearm in church vary based on the location of your ministry. It's important for your ministry to consider its stance. Choose from the options below and consider the associated questions.



NO ONE	OUTSIDE SECURITY	SECURITY TEAM	EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS	APPROVED ATTENDEES	ANYONE
All individuals are prohibited from carrying firearms.	Only an outside security vendor that you have hired is authorized to carry firearms.	Only individuals on your ministry's internal security team are authorized to carry firearms.	Select ministry employees and/or volunteers are authorized to carry firearms.	Certain attendees are approved to carry firearms.	Any individual with a permit is authorized to carry firearms.
SIGNAGE Does your state require your ministry to post signs prohibiting firearms, or are firearms automatically prohibited?	OFF-DUTY OFFICERS Can you hire local law enforcement? If so, what does the police department require regarding insurance and liability issues?	SECURITY PLAN Have you defined your security team's duties and training?	POSITION REVIEW Have you identified which positions are not conducive to carrying a firearm?	GUIDELINES How will you determine whether to allow an attendee to carry?	SIGNAGE Are you required by state law to post signs granting permission to carry, or is permission automatically granted?
AUTHORIZED BY LAW Are police officers or similar authorities authorized by law to carry firearms, regardless of ministry policy?	SECURITY VENDORS If you're planning to hire an outside security company, is it qualified, properly licensed, and insured?	SCREENING How will you screen the security team (interview, background check, permit verification, training, etc.)?	SCREENING How will you screen your employees and/or volunteers (interview, background check, permit verification, training, etc.)?	PRIOR APPROVAL Does your state allow prior approval on an individual basis? If one person is approved, may others automatically carry?	VIOLATIONS Have you considered what behavior is not allowed when someone is carrying a firearm (e.g., open carry)?
		LICENSING Does your state require armed members to be licensed security guards?	AUTHORITY TO ACT Are you allowing employees and/or volunteers to carry, or are you specifically authorizing them to act on your ministry's behalf?	AUTHORITY TO ACT Are you allowing attendees to carry, or are you specifically authorizing them to act on your ministry's behalf?	
		INSURANCE Do you have proper insurance to protect your ministry and the security team?			

Laws affecting the concealed carry of firearms vary by state. It is best to consult with a locally licensed attorney to ensure compliance with all applicable laws. The information we provide is intended to be helpful, but it does not constitute legal advice and is not a substitute for the advice from a licensed attorney in your area. Accordingly, no attorney/client relationship is created through this process, and no legal advice will be provided. We strongly encourage you to regularly consult with a local attorney as part of your risk management program.

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