



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 4501:7-1-23 Firearm bearer prohibitions and disciplinary actions.

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[Comment: Information regarding the availability and effective date of the materials incorporated by reference in this rule can be found in paragraph (M) of rule 4501:7-1-01 of the Administrative Code.]

- (A) A firearm bearer notation issued in accordance with section 4749.10 of the Revised Code and rule 4501:7-1-22 of the Administrative Code does not authorize an individual to carry a concealed handgun or other dangerous ordnance or exempt any person from the provisions of Chapter 2923. of the Revised Code.
- (B) No licensee shall allow an employee or independent contractor to carry a firearm:
- (1) While engaging in the business of private investigation, security services, or both, unless that person is carrying a valid employee registration card with a valid firearm bearer notation issued in accordance with this rule and section 4749.10 of the Revised Code;
 - (2) While engaging in the business of private investigation, security services, or both while the person's employee registration application or firearm bearer notation application is in an applied or pending status with the department; or
 - (3) Other than the types of firearms indicated on the firearm bearer notation while engaging in the business of private investigation, security services, or both.
- (C) No person who is required to be licensed or registered under Chapter 4749. of the Revised Code shall carry a firearm while engaging in the business of private investigation, security services, or both, unless the individual is carrying on their person, a valid employee registration card with a valid firearm bearer notation issued in accordance with this rule and section 4749.10 of the Revised Code.
- (D) No person who is required to be licensed or registered under Chapter 4749. of the Revised Code shall carry firearm while engaging in the business of private investigation, security services, or both while the person's employee registration application or firearm bearer notation application is in applied or pending status with the department.
- (E) No person with a valid firearm bearer notation shall carry a firearm other than the types of firearms indicated on the firearm bearer notion while engaging in the business of private investigation, security services, or both.



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- (F) The prohibitions listed in paragraphs (B), (C), (D), and (E) of this rule do not apply to unregistered commissioned peace officers who are exempt from the registration requirements of section 4749.06 of the Revised Code.
- (G) Every licensee shall maintain records for the current calendar year plus the two previous calendar years of employees that carry firearms in the course of their duties. Such records shall include the dates in which that employee worked an armed account, but need not include any identifying information regarding the client for whom armed security is provided. Such records shall be made available upon request to the department as part of an audit or inspection.