

UT students brace for new campus carry law

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Students will be returning to the University of Texas this Wednesday, and with the new school year comes a new law.

Aug. 1 students with a valid Texas Concealed Handgun License were allowed to carry concealed firearms on campus.

But, there are still places where it's prohibited such as private offices, child care facilities, sporting events and the tower observation deck during tower tours.

Some students who moved into off-campus apartments this weekend said they're a little nervous about the amount of people carrying firearms: scared it will open more doors to violence.

"I mean, a death already has happened on campus and it's just making the possibilities higher," sophomore Ivana Valdez said.

Entering freshman Will Bamberg has the same thoughts.

"I'm not super enthused about the possibility of more guns on campus in like, an educational setting," Bamberg said.

Others feel the culture around the school won't change

"People who have the license have to go through a lot of rigorous testing to begin with, so I don't think it's going to be a big deal," sophomore Enzo Modesto said.

There is still a legal challenge to the campus carry law pending in a federal court in Austin. Three University of Texas professors sued to have the right to ban guns in their classrooms.

Judge Lee Yeakel recently heard the testimony on the lawsuit, but has asked for more written material.

A decision has not been made as of Sunday, Aug. 21, 2016.

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