



Buckeye Firearms Association

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How Does Discriminating Against Law-Abiding Customers Help your Business?

As a business owner and leader in your community we know you put a great deal of thought into how to best care for the safety of your patrons while growing your business. Businesses that are not specifically named as prohibited locations have no obligation to post signs banning legal concealed carry - regardless of advice given by local law enforcement, city officials, or Chambers of Commerce.

In April of 2004 Ohio joined 45 other states nationwide in allowing residents to carry concealed firearms. **There are about 100,000 law-abiding people in Ohio with a Concealed Handgun License and more are issued everyday.** The Ohio Attorney General has approved Reciprocity Agreements with 22 other states to allow visitors from outside Ohio to lawfully carry a concealed handgun while in Ohio. Florida CCW holders alone number over 410,000 and there have been numerous cases where a legally carried firearm was used to stop a violent attack inside a business in Ohio.

All Ohio CHL holders have met or exceeded strict State requirements including 12 hours of training and a thorough criminal background and a mental competency check. Therefore, you can be assured that license holders have never been convicted of any felony or minor drug offense or offense of violence and have never been adjudicated mentally incompetent. You certainly don't know this much about your other customers.

By posting signs discriminating against lawful concealed carry, you are turning away more than 1,000,000 potential customers at your door. You should not require your most law-abiding customers to shop elsewhere simply because they wish to ensure their family is protected.

We strongly suggest you take the time to visit our website (BuckeyeFirearms.org) and read "What Business Owners Need to Know About the Concealed Carry Law" before making a decision to post signs banning weapons in your establishment.

You will learn ***there are no credible studies that show increased danger to businesses that allow concealed carry*** and you will learn about the liability issues if you make the decision to leave patrons and employees defenseless. Once you have a chance to consider the overwhelming evidence in favor of allowing concealed carry in your business we are sure you will choose to not discriminate against Ohio's most law - abiding citizens.

Please reconsider removing all posted "no guns" signs in your business. It's an action that is good for the safety of your employees and customers and will help your bottom line.

We welcome your questions; feel free to contact me by email jeaton@buckeyefirearms.org (preferred) or by phone at 513-679-3377.

Sincerely,

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