



# FIREARMS AT CHURCH

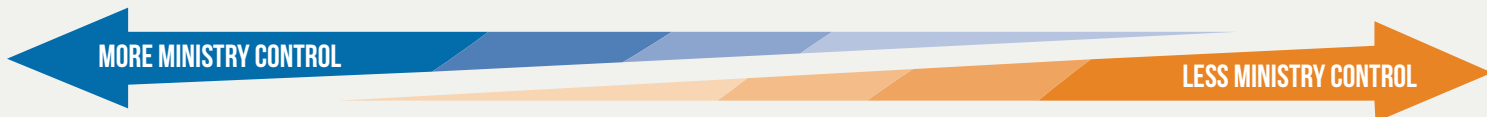
IMPORTANT QUESTIONS TO ASK



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# WHO CAN CARRY CONCEALED FIREARMS ON MINISTRY PROPERTY?

The regulations for carrying a concealed firearm in church vary based on the location of your ministry. It's important for your ministry to consider its stance. Choose one or more of the following options and consider the questions related to each.



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

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