

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETINGS AND FIREARMS

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Many people keep firearms in their home, car or on their person. The vast majority are legally owned by knowledgeable and law abiding citizens. Many people today have also obtained CCW (Concealed Carry Weapon) permits and legally carry a concealed weapon on their person.

When a person has a CCW permit, no one should even know that they have one or have a weapon on their person. It does not give a person bragging rights. They learn this in the CCW class they are required to attend. If a person has a CCW and carries a concealed weapon, no one should know they are carrying. This they learn in the CCW class as well. A person also learns that carrying a concealed weapon is more a liability than anything else. A person who brandishes a gun should only do so if they feel their life (there could be other exceptions such as a family member) is in eminent danger and are prepared to use it.

Now (*this is only a brief explanation. More information can be found online under Nevada, Clark County CCW*) ... A legally carried concealed weapon can be carried anywhere it isn't considered illegal to carry. In Nevada, legal or otherwise, a weapon cannot be carried into any government facility (i.e. airports, county buildings, DMV, city buildings, schools, colleges, libraries, etc. etc.) In addition, AND MOST IMPORTANT, if any building, business, church, etc. posts a "No Weapons" permitted sign. This includes CCW permittees.

It is also important to note that all states vary in their reciprocity laws with regard to CCWs. Nevada only recognizes CCWs from certain other states which meet the strict requirements of Nevada's CCW process. Other states, such as California, recognize no other state. Also, Colorado and Nevada have no reciprocity agreement. Just because a person might say they possess a CCW, make certain it is from Nevada or a state legally recognized by Nevada.

With regard to Common Interest Community (HOA) meetings, if the Board wishes to prohibit any weapons at meetings, it should draw up a resolution or create a sign to be posted at board meetings prohibiting bringing any weapons (CCW included) into the meeting facility. One thing to keep in mind however, the legally carrying person will abide by the request. The persons you might fear having one the most, will not.