



CHAPTER 14
ARTICLE 35 - OFFENSES AGAINST THE PUBLIC PEACE

N.C.G.S. § 14-269.4.

Weapons on certain State property and in courthouses.

SOURCE	LAST AMENDMENT IN THIS TEXT	RETRIEVED	SOURCE FINGERPRINT
General Statutes of North Carolina, as published by the General Assembly	S.L. 2023-134, s. 16.33 — twelfth act in the lineage	21 September 2026, 04:20 UTC	b41afd899fddd2bb32d618f0 - d879838d61e818985a019533 - 4463dbaab210bcaf

It shall be unlawful for any person to possess, or carry, whether openly or concealed, any deadly weapon, not used solely for instructional or officially sanctioned ceremonial purposes in the State Capitol Building, the Executive Mansion, the Western Residence of the Governor, or on the grounds of any of these buildings, and in any building housing any court of the General Court of Justice. If a court is housed in a building containing nonpublic uses in addition to the court, then this prohibition shall apply only to that portion of the building used for court purposes while the building is being used for court purposes.

This section shall not apply to any of the following:

Repealed by S.L. 1997-238, s. 3, effective June 27, 1997.

A person exempted by the provisions of G.S. 14-269(b).

through (4) Repealed by S.L. 1997-238, s. 3, effective June 27, 1997,

Any person in a building housing a court of the General Court of Justice in possession of a weapon for evidentiary purposes, to deliver it to a law-enforcement agency, or for purposes of registration.

Any judge of the North Carolina Court of Appeals, justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court, district court judge, or superior court judge who carries or possesses a concealed handgun in a building housing a court of the General Court of Justice if the judge or justice is in the building to discharge his or her official duties and the judge or justice has a concealed handgun permit issued in accordance with Article 54B of this Chapter or considered valid under G.S. 14-415.24.

Firearms in a courthouse, carried by detention officers employed by and authorized by the sheriff to carry firearms.

Any magistrate who carries or possesses a concealed handgun in any portion of a building housing a court of the General Court of Justice other than a courtroom itself unless the magistrate is presiding in that courtroom, if the magistrate (i) is in the building to discharge the magistrate's official duties, (ii) has a concealed handgun permit issued in accordance with Article 54B of this Chapter or considered valid under G.S. 14-415.24, (iii) has successfully completed a one-time weapons retention training substantially similar to that provided to certified law enforcement officers in North Carolina, and (iv) secures the weapon in a locked compartment when the weapon is not on the magistrate's person.

State-owned rest areas, rest stops along the highways, and State-owned hunting and fishing reservations.

A person with a permit issued in accordance with Article 54B of this Chapter, with a permit considered valid under G.S. 14-415.24, or who is exempt from obtaining a permit pursuant to G.S. 14-415.25, who has a firearm in a closed compartment or container within the person's locked vehicle or in a locked container securely affixed to the person's vehicle. A person may unlock the vehicle to enter or exit the vehicle provided the firearm remains in the closed compartment at all times and the vehicle is locked immediately following the entrance or exit.

Any person who carries or possesses an ordinary pocket knife, as defined in G.S. 14-269(d), carried in a closed position into the State Capitol Building or on the grounds of the State Capitol Building.

Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

END OF SECTION TEXT

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APPARATUS I
12 ACTS

Amendment lineage

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Nº	YEAR	ACT	CHARACTER
01	1981	c. 646	ENACTED
02	1987	c. 820, s. 1	AMENDED
03	1993	c. 539, s. 166	AMENDED
04	1994	Ex. Sess., c. 24, s. 14(c)	AMENDED
05	1997	S.L. 1997-238, s. 3	AMENDED
06	2007	S.L. 2007-412, s. 1	AMENDED

07	2007	S.L. 2007-474, s. 1	AMENDED
08	2009	S.L. 2009-513, s. 1	AMENDED
09	2011	S.L. 2011-268, s. 5	AMENDED
10	2013	S.L. 2013-369, s. 14	AMENDED
11	2015	S.L. 2015-195, s. 1(b)	AMENDED
12	2023	S.L. 2023-134, s. 16.33	AMENDED

APPARATUS II
5 AUTHORITIES

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 14-269(b)	(null)(1a)	"person exempted by the provisions of"
G.S. 14-415.24	(null)(4b)	"this Chapter or considered valid under"
G.S. 14-415.24, (iii)	(null)(4d)	"this Chapter or considered valid under"
G.S. 14-415.25	(null)(6)	"from obtaining a permit pursuant to"
G.S. 14-269(d)	(null)(7)	"ordinary pocket knife, as defined in"

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-269.4 (2023).

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