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53-5a-102.2 Open and concealed carry of a firearm outside of an individual's residence.

- (1) To effectuate the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and Utah Constitution, Article I, Section 6, that prohibit the infringement of the right of the people of Utah to keep and bear arms for security and defense of self, family, others, property, or the state, as well as for other lawful purposes, and consistent with the Legislature's ability to define the lawful use of arms:
- (a) subject to Subsections (2)(a) and (b), an individual 18 years old or older but younger than 21 years old without a provisional concealed carry permit issued under Section 53-5a-305 and who may otherwise lawfully possess firearms, may only carry in an open manner:
 - (i) an unloaded rifle, shotgun, or muzzle-loading rifle in a vehicle in which the individual is lawfully present;
 - (ii) an unloaded or loaded handgun in a vehicle in which the individual is lawfully present; and
 - (iii) an unloaded firearm that the individual may otherwise lawfully carry:
 - (A) on a public street; or
 - (B) in any other public location not prohibited by, or in accordance with, state statute or federal law;
 - (b) subject to Subsection (2)(b), an individual 21 years old or older who may otherwise lawfully possess firearms, may open or conceal carry, without a conceal carry permit:
 - (i) an unloaded or loaded firearm:
 - (A) on a public street; or
 - (B) in any other place not prohibited by, or pursuant to, state statute or federal law;
 - (ii) an unloaded or loaded handgun in a vehicle in which the individual is lawfully present; and
 - (iii) an unloaded rifle, shotgun, or muzzle-loading rifle in a vehicle in which the individual is lawfully present; and
 - (c) subject to Subsections (2)(c) and (d), an individual 18 years old or older with a concealed carry permit issued under Section 53-5a-303, a temporary concealed carry permit issued under Section 53-5a-304, a provisional concealed carry permit issued under Section 53-5a-305, or a concealed carry permit lawfully issued by or in another state, who may otherwise lawfully possess firearms, may open or conceal carry a loaded or unloaded firearm:
 - (i) in a vehicle in which the individual is lawfully present;
 - (ii) on a public street; or
 - (iii) in any other place not prohibited by, or pursuant to, state statute or federal law.
- (2)
- (a) An individual 18 years old or older but younger than 21 years old under Subsection (1)(a) without a provisional concealed carry permit issued under Section 53-5a-305 may not carry a firearm in any manner:
 - (i) in a secure area established in accordance with Section 76-8-311.1 in which dangerous weapons are prohibited and notice of the prohibition is posted;
 - (ii) on or about the premises of a public or private elementary school or secondary school as described in Section 76-11-205;
 - (iii) on or about the premises of an institution of higher education as described in Section 76-11-205.5;
 - (iv) on or about the premises of a daycare as described in Section 76-11-206;
 - (v) in an airport secure area as described in Section 76-11-218;
 - (vi) in a house of worship or in any private residence where dangerous weapons are prohibited as described in Section 76-11-219; or
 - (vii) in any other place prohibited by, or pursuant to, another state statute or federal law.

- (b) An individual 21 years old or older without a concealed carry permit under Subsection (1)(b) may not:
 - (i) carry a firearm in any manner:
 - (A) in a secure area established in accordance with Section 76-8-311.1 in which dangerous weapons are prohibited and notice of the prohibition is posted;
 - (B) on or about the school premises of a public or private elementary school or secondary school as described in Section 76-11-205;
 - (C) on or about a daycare premises as described in Section 76-11-206;
 - (D) in an airport secure area as described in Section 76-11-218;
 - (E) in a house of worship or in any private residence where dangerous weapons are prohibited as described in Section 76-11-219; or
 - (F) in any other place prohibited by, or pursuant to, another state statute or federal law; or
 - (ii) openly carry a firearm, unless lawfully responding to an active threat in accordance with Section 76-2-402, 76-2-405, or 76-2-407, on or about the premises of an institution of higher education as described in Section 76-11-205.5.
- (c) Subject to Subsection (2)(d), an individual with a concealed carry permit under Subsection (1)(c) may not:
 - (i) carry a firearm in any manner:
 - (A) in a secure area established in accordance with Section 76-8-311.1 in which dangerous weapons are prohibited and notice of the prohibition posted;
 - (B) in an airport secure area as described in Section 76-11-218;
 - (C) in a house of worship or in any private residence where dangerous weapons are prohibited as described in Section 76-11-219; or
 - (D) in any other place prohibited by, or pursuant to, another state statute or federal law; or
 - (ii) openly carry a firearm, unless lawfully responding to an active threat in accordance with Section 76-2-402, 76-2-405, or 76-2-407:
 - (A) on or about the premises of a public or private elementary school or secondary school as described in Section 76-11-205; or
 - (B) on or about the premises of an institution of higher education as described in Section 76-11-205.5.
- (d) In addition to the restrictions described in Subsection (2)(c):
 - (i) an individual 18 years old but younger than 21 years old with a provisional concealed carry permit under Section 53-5a-304 may not carry a firearm in any manner on or about the premises of a public or private elementary school or secondary school as described in Section 76-11-205; and
 - (ii) an individual with only a concealed carry permit lawfully issued by or in another state may not carry a firearm in any manner:
 - (A) on or about the premises of a public or private elementary school or secondary school as described in Section 76-11-205; or
 - (B) on or about the premises of a daycare as described in Section 76-11-206.
- (3) This section does not prohibit:
 - (a) the owner or lawful possessor of a vehicle from prohibiting another individual from carrying a firearm in the owner or lawful possessor's vehicle; or
 - (b) except as provided in Section 53-5a-102.3, the owner or lawful lessee of private real property from prohibiting another individual from possessing a firearm on the property.
- (4) An individual is lawfully present in a vehicle while carrying a firearm under this section if:
 - (a) the vehicle is in the lawful possession of the individual; or

- (b) the individual has the consent of the person lawfully in possession of the vehicle to carry the firearm in the vehicle.

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