



SHORT INSERT (195 words)

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Regardless of employee policy, signs prohibiting weapons need to be posted if you do not want non-employees with concealed carry permits to carry loaded guns on your property. Download signs prohibiting weapons at www.ohioceasefire.org.

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LONG INSERT (305 words)

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Without a rule, employers should not be surprised if employees start bringing guns to work. Businesses, organizations and service providers need to reconsider their employee and public policies regarding weapons on their property. Prior to the passage of this law many Ohio employers already prohibited weapons.



Signs prohibiting weapons may be posted and wording is designated in the law. Regardless of employee policy, signs prohibiting weapons need to be posted if you do not want non-employees with licenses to carry loaded weapons to do so in and on your property. Download signs prohibiting concealed weapons at www.ohioceasefire.org.

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FAMILY INSERT (275 words)

Reducing your family's risks

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Protect your children. They may see adults carrying guns and assume it is safe or acceptable behavior for them as well. Ask anyone transporting or watching over your children if there will be a gun present, and inform your child's school you do not want your children transported or chaperoned by anyone carrying a gun.

While prior policies at your workplace may be sufficient for employees they should be reconsidered and reinforced to assure a weapon-free workplace. Businesses have the right to prohibit employees, clients, patients and customers on their property or in their buildings and parking lots from carrying weapons.

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