

BIM Firearms Policy

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The following rules apply to all members and visitors to BIM services or events. They do not apply to active, uniformed law enforcement or military.

1. Open carry is prohibited at all times.
2. Concealed carry is only permitted under the following conditions. The carrier must:
 - a. Have a current license to carry valid in the Commonwealth of MA on their person. This includes MA and LEOSA licenses.
 - b. Have an up to date copy of their license on file in the Shul office if they are a member or non-member regular, or show their license to a member of the Security Committee if they are a visitor.
 - c. Keep the firearm holstered and concealed at all times.
3. Concealed carry is defined as being worn in such a way that the firearm will not be accidentally exposed.
 - a. Examples of acceptable wearing include, but are not limited to: in a pocket or holstered inside the waistband and covered by a shirt or sweater.
 - b. Examples of unacceptable wearing include, but are not limited to, wearing a holster outside the waistband, covered by a jacket, which can easily raise up and expose the firearm just by lifting their arms (ie, doing hagbah).
 - c. The exception will be made for members of the shemira team on duty.
4. Any person carrying a firearm must inform a member of the Security Committee.
5. Any person carrying a firearm agrees that they will at no time and under no circumstance draw their firearm from its holster, even in an emergency.
6. Any person who does not agree to abide by any of the above sections, will not be permitted to bring a firearm onto the premises. Should such a person bring a firearm onto premises, they will:
 - a. be required to leave their firearm in their car, following State guidelines for safe storage, or
 - b. If on Shabbat or Yom Tov, be required to take their firearm home.
7. Any member of the Security Committee has the right to revoke any person's permission to carry on the Shul premises at any time, for any reason, with no notice, and immediate effect.
8. The permission to carry a firearm on Shul premises does not provide the carrier with immunity or protect them from any legal liabilities.