



## OPEN/CONCEALED CARRY GUN LAWS **ACI-NA TALKING POINTS**

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### **ACI-NA POSITION**

ACI-NA has worked and continues to work closely with airports, TSA, and local law enforcement to provide input on the development of meaningful improvements and enhancements to airport security to better protect the traveling public as well as individuals who work at airports. Providing security in the airport environment requires proactive collaboration with many stakeholders, including airport personnel, airport law enforcement, federal partners, airlines, and passengers.

### **TALKING POINTS**

- Maintaining the safety and security of the traveling public is the top priority for airports.
- Airports work in close coordination with TSA and local law enforcement to ensure the safety and security of passengers and workers on airport property. ACI-NA supports efforts to prevent the illegal carrying of firearms and weapons in any airport.
- Because airports are locally owned and operated, rules and regulations with regard to firearms often vary from state to state. Federal law prohibits any firearm or weapon from passing through the security checkpoint. This provides for the safety and security of the traveling public. TSA does allow for the lawful transport of firearms in checked luggage.
- Because the safety and security of the traveling public is the top priority for airports, airports are continually educating the traveling public about the rules and regulations in their local jurisdictions governing firearms.

### **ACI-NA LEADERSHIP**

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ACI-NA (along with several members) sits on the TSA Aviation Security Advisory Committee and has led or participated in drafting key security recommendations.

ACI-NA monitors federal and state legislation that would govern gun rules in airports. In some instances, ACI-NA has weighed in on legislative proposals to provide airport perspectives.

## **STATISTICS**

TSA discovered 2,653 guns in carry-on bags in 2015, a 20 percent increase over 2014. That's an average of seven firearms per day.

## **RELATED MATERIALS**

[Map of Airport Carry Laws](#)

[Lawyers, Guns, and Money Presentation](#) (Spring 2015 Legal Affairs Conference)

[2015 State Airport Gun Laws Presentation](#) (Spring 2015 Legal Affairs Conference)

[Firearms at Airports Presentation](#) (Spring 2013 Legal Affairs Conference)

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