



Approved Pepper Spray Training Material Now Available

Non-lethal Weapons (Club, Pepper Spray, Tasers)

The carrying of a club is generally prohibited by Penal Code Section 46.02. However, under certain conditions Section 46.15(b)(4) and (5) exempt commissioned security officers and personal protection officers, respectively, from Section 46.02's prohibitions. Section 46.03 prohibits the carrying of a club in numerous specific places, and provides limited defenses relating to the premises of a racetrack or the secured area of an airport (see sub. (d) and (h), respectively). There is no certification specific to the carrying of clubs.

The carrying of a chemical dispensing device is prohibited by Penal Code Section 46.05. Subsection (f) of Section 46.05 provides a defense to prosecution for security officers who have received training on the use of a chemical dispensing device that is either (1), provided by TCOLE or (2), approved by the Private Security Board. The Private Security Board has approved training on the use of a chemical dispensing device when administered to a security officer who has successfully completed the board approved Level III training.

The carrying of a Taser or similar weapon is not expressly prohibited under Texas law. Neither the Private Security Act nor the related administrative rules address the carrying of such a weapon by a security officer. There is no certification for the use of such weapons.