

# Carrying Concealed advantages and disadvantages

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# Types of concealed carry methods

- Today we will discuss the **pros and cons** of concealed carry with different methods of conceal carry, today's presentation will cover the following:
  - Conceal carry with a **fanny pack**
  - Conceal carry with a **holster system**
  - Conceal carry with an **ankle holster system**
  - **Conceal carry off the body** – with a purse type system

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- There are many different methods of carrying your firearm concealed and today we will discuss the advantages and disadvantages of those types of methods.
- One of the most popular methods of carry have been the use of a “fanny pack”. These units come in many shapes, sizes and colors and can be a very comfortable option of concealed carry.
- Some disadvantages are that some believe that this method of carry, although very comfortable, can inhibit your ability to quickly access your firearm when needed.
- I do believe that like any other system of carry...Practice makes perfect!!

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- Another positive to carrying with a “fanny pack” is, when you sit you won’t have a holster digging into your side, there are no worries about your shirt raising up and exposing your firearm.
- One note, if you decide to use this method of carry you **MUST** refrain from loading up your fanny pack with items such as car keys, a wallet, cell phone, pocket knife lipstick or chap stick etc.
- This device is meant to carry your **firearm and extra ammo**, that is it.

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- It takes two hands initially, retrieving your firearm from this carry position is most often done with two hands. This can take a bit more time.
- However if you practice, you can get pretty good at retrieving your handgun with only one hand. Remember the old saying “**practice makes perfect**” !
- Carrying at the range! This is typically a **No No** even for the experienced shooter. Most ranges and firearms instructors do not permit this type of carry on the range due to the potential for accidental discharges. Safety is paramount and must be practiced and respected at all times.



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# Types of fanny pack holsters





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- Traditional concealed carry holsters – There are many different styles and types along with varying security levels to secure the firearm.
- Some disadvantages of a concealed carry holster.
- The firearm can be taken from you if not properly secured.
- Do Not become arrogant when carrying a concealed firearm by showing it and telling others that you carry a weapon. Me personally, I do not want anyone to suspect me of carrying a concealed gun and I think this is safe advice for everyone.
- No one wants to shoot or kill someone unless they are absolutely justified in doing so. We carry so that we remain safe and are able to walk away from dangerous situations.

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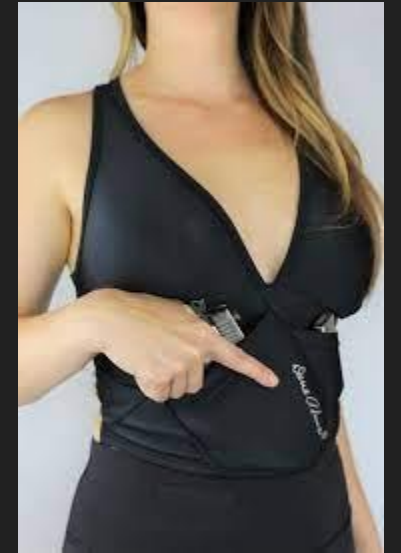
- Practical self defense relies on awareness, the tools you have at hand and your ability to make a proper decision under some pretty serious pressure.
- Concealed carry with a good secure and reliable holster is critical in your self defense program and approach!
- This gives you an ultimate option other than trying to fend off an attacker with martial arts techniques (which are great by the way), your keys, a pepper spray, kitty kat keychain, persuader keychain unit or nothing at all.
- Create a self defense plan and practice implementing it by visualizing a response, think **“What am I going to do if I am attacked”** and practice, practice, practice.



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- You can rest a little easier knowing that these options are available for you.
- It is important for every person who decides to conceal carry a weapon to be aware of the regulations of their state.
- It is also crucial to know venues and locations in which it is always illegal to be carrying a gun such as schools, post offices, state and federal buildings etc. Even those where it is posted “**No guns allowed**” come into play.
- Only credible holsters should be used to conceal carry. One that is made specifically for your firearm. Do not scrimp when it comes to the purchase of these very important accessories! Comfort can be a major factor in these types of systems also.
- Search for examples on the internet from reputable dealers and go to gun shows as there are many reputable dealers there that can offer a viable option for everyone. They can assist with design and fit.

# Types of waist carry holsters



# Belly band holsters – A good option but can become restrictive if on too tight



# Ankle holsters – Can be cumbersome to get to and can come free with movement





# Carrying off the body concealed

- **Concealed carry off the body** is also an option for both males females. This type of carry is also something that needs to be practiced, especially when drawing from a purse or shoulder bag.
- Getting the gun hung up within the purse is a possibility as you draw it. Also having too much stuff in your purse is a disadvantage.
- I will now show you some examples of these types of units.
- **Please take note:** Awareness of where your purse or shoulder bag is at all times and remembering where you take it off and place it can be a disadvantage if you forget it. Extreme comfort is an advantage.

# Types of off body carry options - Purses





# Types of off body carry options – Shoulder bags



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- Once a concealed carry holster is decided upon then practice with an empty firearm or a training gun in drawing and holstering. Your life just may depend on it!!
- In closing, I can honestly say that based upon life experience, concealed carry of a semi automatic or revolver type of firearm in the hands of a trained person is a great option to protect and defend yourself or your loved ones from the evils that lurk in society today.
- This can only happen with a good self defense and safety plan in place.
- One must be fully prepared and fully understand the responsibility that comes with carrying a concealed weapon for self defense and that you train with the system you choose.

# Thank you all!

- Take Care and Thank you so much for the opportunity to give back to such a great group of folks. I am so proud to be a part of this great organization. We have a steep up hill battle folks but we must stand behind our leadership and move forward against those trying to oppress us!
- **Be safe and God Bless!** Thanks to Kim and the Board of Directors for this opportunity to share this information with you all! ED