The information in this pamphlet is to assist law enforcement and license holders by providing general information about Open Carry in Texas and to give a visual reference for the license designs that holders may have in their possession.

The Texas Department of Public Safety has begun issuing a modified design of the Concealed Handgun License (CHL) now referred to as a License To Carry A Handgun (LTC). The new design contains all of the same security features as those utilized on existing CHLs.

**House Bill 910**  
(effective January 1, 2016)

**General Information:**  
Authorizes licensed individuals to openly carry a handgun in the same places that allow the licensed carrying of a concealed handgun with some exceptions.

Unconcealed handguns, loaded or unloaded, must be carried in a shoulder or belt holster.

Individuals who hold a valid CHL may continue to carry with their existing license; a separate license will not be required to open carry. No additional fee will be required.

*For more information about the Texas Handgun Licensing Program please visit the department’s website at:*

http://www.dps.texas.gov/rsd/ltc/index.htm