



# EMPTY HOLSTER PROTEST GUIDELINES

## **1. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD YOU PLACE ANYTHING IN YOUR HOLSTER THAT EVEN REMOTELY RESEMBLES A FIREARM.**

SCCC will not sanction, support or approve any such behavior. Still further, don't carry ANYTHING in your holster. This protest is symbolic for being disarmed; placing anything in the holster is contrary to that purpose. It could alarm uninformed observers, and open us up to accusations of inciting fear or panic. If your holster has a top flap designed to cover a pistol, find a way to pin or tie it back so that it's clear your holster is empty.

## **2. PROVIDE ADVANCE NOTICE OF THE PROTEST TO YOUR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS AND CAMPUS SECURITY/POLICE.**

Our goal is not to be enemies with campus security or administrations, and the more we attempt to level with them and maintain diplomatic ties, the better. There is a form letter on the website for this purpose.

## **3. YOU ARE REPRESENTING SCC WHILE YOU'RE WEARING YOUR EMPTY HOLSTER OR PARTICIPATING IN SCC ACTIVITIES. PLEASE CONDUCT YOURSELF WITH PROFESSIONALISM, DIGNITY AND COURTESY.**

You are likely to face opposition and ridicule, but no matter what anyone says to you, never lose your cool. If you don't convince your opponents, you will at least demonstrate patience and tolerance for onlookers.

## **4. STORE THE PHONE NUMBER OF CAMPUS SECURITY ON YOUR PHONE BEFORE THE PROTEST.**

If, at anytime during the protest, a member of the opposition crosses the line and becomes abusive or disruptive, notify the appropriate authorities immediately. Though facing ridicule is part of the price for standing up for your beliefs, giving up your basic human rights is not part of that price. If anyone threatens you with any illegal action (violent or non-violent), IMMEDIATELY notify campus or local police. If a professor suggests that your participation in the protest may somehow negatively affect your grade in his or her class, notify your school administration and contact your State and Regional Directors for SCCC.

## **5. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD ANY PROTESTOR WEAR A HOLSTER ONTO THE CAMPUS OF ANY HIGH SCHOOL, JUNIOR HIGH, MIDDLE SCHOOL, OR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.**

This protest is about concealed carry by licensed individuals on college campuses. The agenda of Students for Concealed Carry on Campus does not encompass similar issues affecting primary and secondary schools.

## **6. MAKE SURE YOU KNOW AND FOLLOW THE APPLICABLE STATE/MUNICIPAL LAWS AND SCHOOL POLICIES AFFECTING YOUR CAMPUS. IF YOU ATTEND A PUBLIC COLLEGE AND ARE DENIED PERMISSION TO PROTEST, IMMEDIATELY CONTACT YOUR SCC STATE OR REGIONAL DIRECTORS AS THIS IS MORE THAN LIKELY UNCONSTITUTIONAL CENSORSHIP.**

## **7. USE YOUR BEST JUDGMENT AT ALL TIMES. THE ORGANIZERS OF THIS PROTEST CANNOT FORESEE EVERY POSSIBLE SCENARIO. IF YOU ENCOUNTER A SITUATION FOR WHICH YOU ARE NOT PREPARED, THINK THROUGH IT, AND USE YOUR BEST JUDGMENT.**