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What Employees Need to Know About Georgia's New Gun Law

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Weapons in the Workplace Policy

MARTA's work rules strictly prohibit all employees from the possession of firearms on MARTA property.

- The policy prohibits the possession and/or use of any type of firearm (licensed or not) by a MARTA employee on MARTA property.
- This prohibition applies to employees vehicles parked on any Authority property designated as an employee secured parking area.
- The policy will apply to **all** MARTA employees, non-represented and represented.

What You Can Do

MARTA will continue to be diligent in its efforts to provide a safe and secure environment for our customers and employees.

Employees are reminded to use discretion and report any suspicious person, activity or package to a MARTA Police Officer.

- Emergency call buttons to the Operator are located in all rail cars.
- To report emergencies or suspicious items or activities, employees should tell a MARTA Police Officer by dialing (404) 848-4911 or by dialing #MPD on any AT&T, Verizon or Sprint/Nextel cellular phone (Blackberry users dial #673).

Frequently Asked Questions for Employees

MARTA and Georgia's New Gun Law (Effective July 1, 2008)

How does Georgia's new gun law relate effect MARTA?

On May 14th, Governor Sonny Perdue signed Georgia House Bill 89 into law which allows licensed gun owners to carry firearms on public transportation including MARTA.

When does the law go into effect?

On July 1, 2008

Who can carry a firearm on MARTA?

Only individuals with a valid firearms license may carry a firearm on MARTA. The license must be with them at all times while on MARTA property including Park & Ride locations.

Are MARTA employees allowed to carry firearms on MARTA?

MARTA's work rules strictly prohibit all employees, whether licensed or not, from the possession of any type of firearm while on MARTA property. This prohibition applies to employees vehicles parked on any Authority property designated as a secured parking area.

What Should Employees Do If They Observe a Firearm?

Employees are advised, first and foremost, not put themselves in harms way. Employees should call MARTA Police and report that an individual with a firearm has been observed. MARTA Police will respond and request that the customer present the permit for verification.

How can employees contact MPD?

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How Will MARTA Police Respond?

MARTA Police will approach the customer and request that he or she produce a firearms permit and photo identification. The Police Officer will verify that the information provided is legitimate and the permit has not expired.



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