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## 21 Working Day Extension Granted for Submissions on FCA Bill

### 21 Working Day Extension Granted for the Public Participation Process on the FCA Amendment Bill, 2021

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From the Office of the State Attorney:

“We confirm that we have been instructed to advise you that the Minister of Police has approved a 21 working days extension for the comments to be submitted. The PAIA request will be responded to on the 30 June 2021 and thereafter PAIA time frames will apply”.

SAGA would like to send its heartfelt congratulations to the South African Arms and Ammunition Dealers Association (SAAADA), CHASA and Martin Hood for the concession from the Minister of Police as a result of their urgent High Court Application.

This is good news for all and gives more time for the public to participate as well as for SAGA and the other organizations to study the documentation released by the Civilian Secretariat for Police on Saturday afternoon. (These documents are available on the home page of the SAGA website.)

We have published a guide to making a submission on our Facebook page and website, and members are encouraged to use the guide when making their submission on a platform like DearSA or directly to the Civilian Secretariat for Police.

### SAGA UPDATE

SAGA representatives have been incredibly busy working on your behalf to not only prepare the SAGA Submission on the Firearms Control Amendment Bill, but also to create awareness about the implications of the provisions of the Bill.

In particular, Chairman, Damian Enslin, has among other things participated in numerous media interviews, held many meetings with various role-players who are affected by the Bill, liaised with other firearms groups, spoken at a virtual firearms summit, prepared and sent our press releases, addressed local councilors, and spoken at a rally to Parliament all while fielding hundreds of queries by email and telephone.

Other SAGA representatives have also fielded many queries, attended meetings with firearm groups, considered the matters with legal practitioners, analysed documentation, written letters, consulted with international organisations, given media statements, and the list goes on.

Please ensure you support this intense drive to ensure that law-abiding citizens retain their right to choose to own firearms for legal purposes.

Keep your membership up to date & recruit new members!

### Submission Process

We urge every member to make a submission on the Bill. It does not need to be long or complicated.

There is no need to comment on every aspect of the Bill (unless you choose to) it just needs to be on the aspects that you don't agree with and why.

Send your submission to:  
The Secretary for Police Service

Email address:  
comments.fcabill@csp.gov.za

Make sure your submission states your full name, postal address, email address, telephone number and, if applicable, your fax number.



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**IN THEIR FIGHT AGAINST  
THE FCA AMENDMENT  
BILL**

## Exercising with Firearms



by Brad Fitzpatrick  
Thursday, June 24, 2021

Like many hunters, I love the great outdoors, but my passion extends far beyond hunting season. I like to ride bikes, run, hike and fish, and these activities sometimes take me to remote areas. But even if you're into the most extreme sports it doesn't mean you have to leave your firearm behind. You can still carry concealed and still feel safe no matter if you're hiking deep in a remote wilderness area or jogging down a city street at night.

Some activities like bicycling and running don't lend themselves to concealed carry—you're probably going to be exerting a lot of energy and you don't want a firearm flopping on your side during the process.

Unfortunately, exercise makes us vulnerable to attack, and if you have a concealed carry permit there's no reason not to keep your firearm on-hand even when you're involved in high-energy activities. You simply need some basic guidelines on how to carry while breaking a sweat. Here are four key points to remember when carrying a concealed firearm while exercising.

### 1. Find a Compact Firearm That is Easy to Carry:

For daily carry, I prefer a 1911 Commander .45. But when I'm out running or biking, that gun can be a little bulky, so I had to find a gun that was compact and easy to carry even when I'm working hard. Small semiautos like the Colt Mustang .380, Ruger LCP and Smith & Wesson Bodyguard are all great choices. Lightweight revolvers also work well, and they are easy to conceal under lightweight athletic clothes.

### 2. Make Sure Your Firearm is Corrosion-Resistant:

If you're going to work out you're probably going to sweat, and perspiration has a corrosive effect on firearms. This can damage your guns if they aren't resistant to these corrosive elements, so find a gun that has a tough finish that won't be damaged if it is exposed to perspiration on a daily basis.

Tenifer, Cerakote or Melonite finishes are very tough, and stainless-steel guns are less prone to rusting than older blued firearms. Wooden grips are also prone to swelling when wet, but synthetic grips are light, tough and resistant to the effects of moisture.

Belly bands, are great for carrying while exercising. They are light, help keep the firearm secure, and dry quickly.

### 3. Find a Carry Method That Works:

Belly band holsters are a great choice, and the elastic will dry out quickly after you exercise. Other good options include fanny packs or holsters designed specifically for running like the Desantis Road Runner.

Small inside the waistband (IWB) holsters work well, too, but they must be comfortable and shouldn't chafe while working out or expending a lot of energy. Synthetic fibers tend to hold up well and dry quickly, but leather will sometimes absorb moisture and excess perspiration may damage the holster over time. It is critically important that the gun is secured close to the body and can be carried safely, yet is quickly accessible should the need arise. The Desantis Road Runner holster keeps your firearms close at hand and it works for just about any outdoor activity.

A holster needs to be comfortable and provide quick access.

### 4. Perform Trial Runs:

You need to break-in new shoes before a really long run to ensure that they fit and don't hurt your feet, and the same is true for an exercise holster. You don't want to be four or five miles into a 10-mile hike and suddenly realize that your holster is rubbing or chafing, so start with shorter workouts and make sure that the system you have chosen works for you. If you find out that your holster is uncomfortable you probably won't wear it, and that defeats the purpose. You may have to wear something under your holster like triathlon shorts to prevent rubbing, and if the holster doesn't fit and the gun flops while you're moving, you need to either tighten it or find a different carry method.

<https://www.nrafamily.org/articles/2021/6/24/exercising-with-firearms>

## 9 Common Questions New Shooters Ask

<https://www.shootingillustrated.com/articles/2021/6/9/9-common-questions-new-shooters-ask/>

by Ed Head - Wednesday, June 9, 2021

New shooters ask a lot of questions. Moderately experienced shooters, too often, supposedly know all about guns and if they don't know something they're often more reluctant to ask questions in a classroom setting. These are some of the questions I answered recently during a three-hour class for beginning women shooters of "The Well Armed Women" chapter we sponsor at Gunsite, and they represent common questions any new shooter has.

### 1. What's the difference between practice ammunition and defensive ammunition?

Practice ammunition or range ammunition usually uses a full metal jacketed (FMJ) bullet, while defensive ammunition uses a jacketed hollowpoint (JHP). The JHP ammunition is designed to expand and create a larger wound channel, leading to quicker incapacitation. It's also faster (higher velocity) and, these days, much more expensive than FMJ range ammunition.

### 2. How do I know which defensive ammunition to buy?

Since the 1986 FBI gun battle in Miami, all premium defensive ammunition is designed to meet a set of standards created by the FBI in terms of expansion and penetration. Arguing one brand is better than another doesn't make a lot of sense, especially with ammunition being expensive and



hard to find. Buy and carry ammunition designed for defensive use and worry more about getting hits to vital zones.

### 3. What do you mean by caliber, such as 9 mm and .380?

These designations refer to the diameter of the bullet in either metric or inch standard terms. A 9mm bullet is 9mm in diameter, or .351 inches. The .380, also called a 9mm Kurz (or short) in Europe uses the same size bullet as the 9mm in a shorter cartridge case and is less "powerful." Likewise, the .38 Special and .357 Magnum both use a bullet with a diameter of .357 inches with the Special having a shorter cartridge case than the more powerful Magnum.

### 4. Should I carry a round of ammunition in the chamber of my defensive pistol?

Yes, you should. Modern pistols can be carried safely, fully loaded, with a round in the chamber. If you're suddenly faced with a deadly threat, will you have both hands free and have the time to produce your pistol and rack the slide to load the chamber?

### 5. Many states allow open carry, but if you carry openly, will you likely be the first one killed should you find yourself in a shooting situation?

That's the opinion of some but I'm not aware of a single instance where it happened to an armed citizen. While open carry is appropriate under some circumstances, I think you are better off carrying discretely concealed.

### 6. What's the difference between a training pistol and a carry pistol?

Some people prefer to train or compete with a large pistol that is more suited to uniformed open carry than concealed carry. On the other hand, a tiny, easily concealed pistol is more difficult to shoot and manipulate. Then there are medium size pistols that are suitable for both carry and training.

While you might hope to have one pistol to cover all these needs it might be reasonable to do most of your training with a full-size pistol and carry a smaller pistol of the same type. As you begin this journey you will soon discover you're going to be investing in multiple guns and lots of gear such as holsters and range bags. Welcome to the club.

### 7. What do you think about off body carry?

While I prefer that your pistol be firmly attached to your person, I also understand women carry purses and bags. There are lots of concealed carry purses designed for securely carrying your pistol as well as backpacks and fanny packs. The problem with leaving a gun in a bag is, you must always control it and cannot allow unauthorized persons to have access to it, even for a few seconds.

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### 8. What are some other options for concealed carry?

Belly bands, thigh holsters, bra holsters, ankle holsters and shoulder holsters are just a few examples. All have advantages and disadvantages and require a bit of training to use them safely and effectively. Along those lines, regardless of how you carry, you need to alter your wardrobe to dress around the gun and keep it concealed.

### 9. How do I know when to carry my pistol?

Let me ask you this. If you knew you were going to be in a gun fight when you left your home, would you go? Of course not, because avoidance is your best defense. Understand, the purpose of personal defensive firearms is to meet unexpected attacks, and you have no way of knowing when that might happen. It's my belief that, having committed to concealed carry, you should carry everywhere you can, all the time. Make up your mind you're going to adopt a concealed carry lifestyle, train, learn and live with the peace of mind that comes from confidence in your skills and the ability to command your environment.

#### **Note from SAGA:**

This article is American and Question 5 applies in the USA only.

## Why You Should Carry a Handgun Every Day

by Sheriff Jim Wilson  
Friday, June 25, 2021

One of the things that I have a tough time understanding are the people who go to the trouble to get a concealed carry license and then only carry when they think they might need it. It's as if they think they can figure out ahead of time when they are going to need to protect themselves. Frankly, I wish that life were that simple.

Some folks associate violent crime with certain parts of town. And, it could be that they think that if they just stay out of certain bars and pool halls that the chance of a violent encounter doesn't exist. Clearly, they are not watching and reading the same news reports that I am.

Yes, there are certain locations and events that we just simply avoid if we have any sense at all. But it is also important to realize that violent attacks can occur anywhere at any time. That includes our nice neighborhoods, the little convenience store down on the corner or even our own homes. And we have found that our churches, movie theaters and sporting events are not completely immune, either.

It is not the obvious situations and locations that are the real danger, because we can simply avoid those. What will get you are the surprise events. Those of us who have had to deal with dangerous encounters know that they can occur at any time or place and with relatively little warning. Those are the real problems, and those are the reason that we carry a defensive firearm.

I have a friend who was given a double-action revolver for personal defense. I'm not sure he ever shot it. But, wanting to be with the in-crowd, he sold that and bought a polymer-frame, double-stack semi-automatic. He has probably never shot it, either, and he certainly hasn't ever gotten any defensive training. The gun stays under the seat of his car or in the bottom of his bag while traveling. You can imagine how much help he will be to himself, or anyone else, should he one day be confronted with a violent attack.

Not being able to predict when violence will visit us is the reason for the defensive handgun. If we absolutely knew that we were

going to have to face trouble, we'd either go the other way or arm ourselves with a rifle or shotgun. But the handgun is not a magic wand. If you don't have it on you and know how to use it, it is absolutely useless.

Years ago, Col. Jeff Cooper said, "If you are reading this and can't put your hand on your defensive firearm, all of your training is wasted." I think that about covers it.

<https://www.shootingillustrated.com/articles/2021/6/25/why-you-should-carry-a-handgun-every-day>

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