



Everyday Carry (EDC) Conceal Carry Weapon (CCW) Preferences

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EDC IS NOT ONLY CONCEAL CARRY WEAPON

EVERY DAY CARRY (EDC)

- Is useful items that are consistently carried on person every day.
- The main reasons for having EDC are utility and preparedness; to help individuals overcome simple everyday problems, and to prepare someone for unexpected and possibly dangerous situations.
- Some of the most common EDC items are Pistols, knives, small flashlights, multitools, wallets, smartphones, watches, key rings, notebooks and Self-defense pen.

EDC – EXCLUDING FIREARMS



- Small Razor Knife for cutting strings, open boxes, etc.
- Self-Defense Knife: Should be easy to deploy, not too big or too small, and you should train on how to use it defensively.
- Self Defense Pen: Many types. The best are simple without all the extras. You must train on how to use it defensively.
- Other Self Defense Device (other than firearm): Mace/Pepper spray, small rope with hex bolt on it, etc. Again, train on how to use these items effectively.
- Personal Opinion: Personal alarms are not defense weapons. They are so people know where to find your body or label as original crime scene.

TOP 4 RULES

1. Concealed/Open carry is to carry **CONSISTENTLY**.
2. Always use a proper holster the way it is intended / designed to be used.
3. Always carry with a round in the chamber.
4. Open Carry makes you the first target!

HOLSTER CHARACTERISTICS

- There are many types of holsters, for many types of positions, made from many types of materials, with many types of looks.
- You want your holster to have these 5 key characteristics;
 1. Protection to the weapon from damage, foreign materials, etc.
 2. Secure weapons retention from accidental or unauthorized removal while providing user ready access to weapon.
 3. Protect trigger from being depressed accidentally
 4. Provide user with comfortable wear and easy access to weapon
 5. Be secure to person with very little unwanted movement when pulling/deploying weapon
- You get what you pay for. Do your research, get the right holster for your weapon, and do not be afraid to spend some money to get the right one for your carry style.

TYPES OF CARRY

- **Open Carry:** Openly carrying a weapon on one's person in the open visible to the public without any obstruction/concealment.
- **Conceal Carry:** Carrying a weapon in public in a concealed or hidden manner, either on one's person or in close proximity.
- **Vehicle Carry:** Technically this is a version of **conceal carry**, But for the purpose of this training we wanted to identify this method as its own specific method.

TYPES OF CARRY OPTIONS

- **Belt Carry:** There is Inside Waistband (IWB) and Outside Waistband (OWB). There are several positions from 12 o'clock, i.e. abdomen under belly button to the 6 o'clock (Small of back), and everything in-between.
- **Specialty Carry:** Shoulder holster, Chest/Bra holster, ankle holster, thigh holster, arm rig (aka Poker Pistol), pocket holster, boot holster, mid abdomen holster, etc.
- **Off the Body Carry:** Purse, backpack, fanny pack, briefcase, under steering column mount, center console, glove box, etc.

INSIDE & OUTSIDE WAIST BAND

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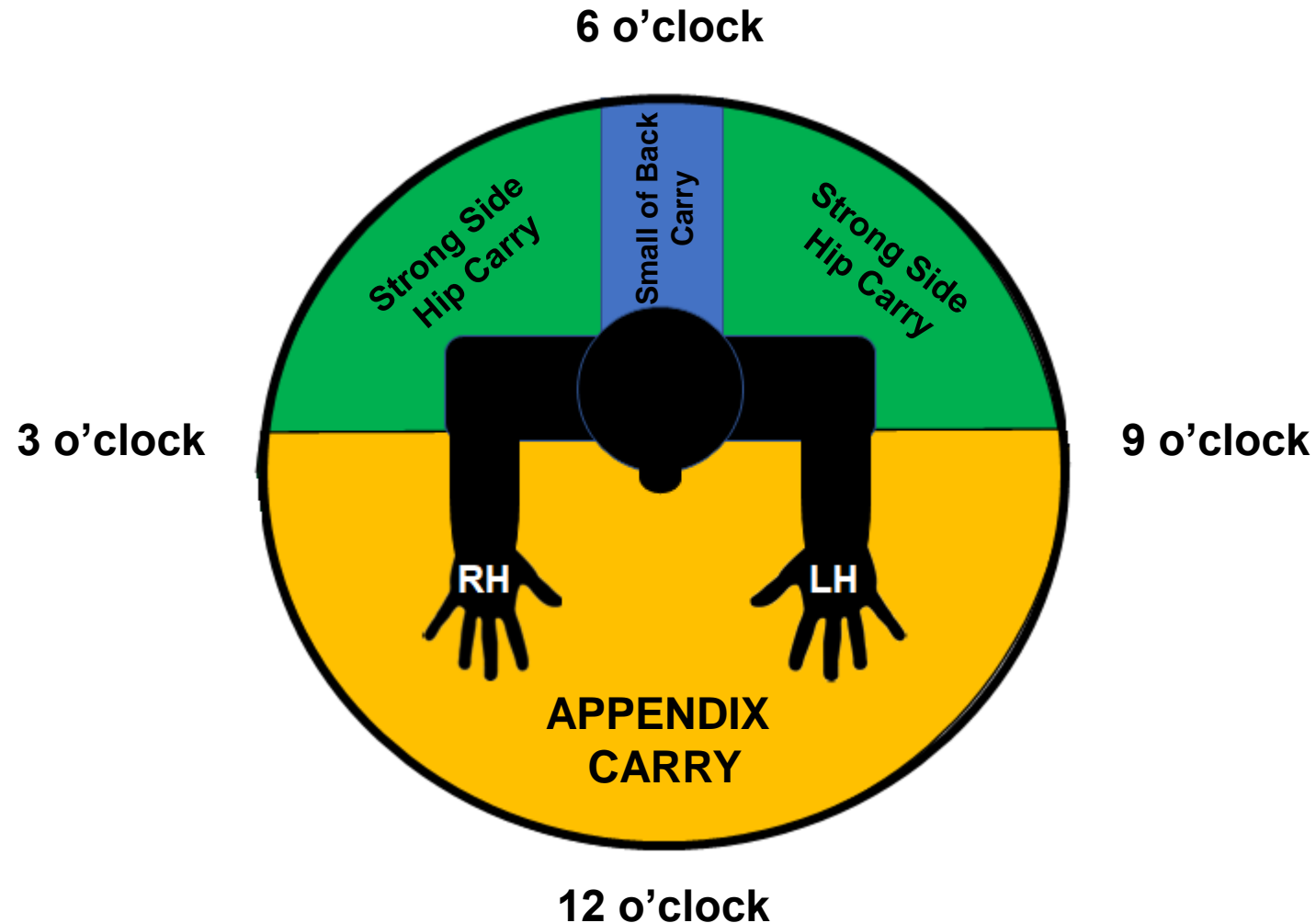


IWB



OWB

BELT / WAISTBAND CARRY POSTIONS



SPECIALTY CARRY

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SHOULDER



CHEST



BRA



ABDOMEN



ANKLE



POCKET



THIGH



ARM

**THIS IS
STUPID
DO NOT
EVER DO
THIS**

OFF BODY CARRY



PURSE



BACKPACK



BRIEFCASE



FANNY PACK



UNDER STEERING COLUMN



CENTER CONSOLE



IN GLOVEBOX

BEST CCW POSITIONS

STRONG SIDE HIP

(Right or Left)

- The most popular concealed carry method of all time. Fastest and easiest to draw the weapon with your dominant hand, and it is the most comfortable carry position.
- IWB is the preferred method. This gives you more retention security and concealment. OWB is less secure retention and bulky.

STRONG SIDE HIP

(PRO's and CON's)

- **PROS:**

1. Easy and quick to draw
2. Comfortable to carry
3. Allows you to carry a full size handgun

- **CONS:**

1. Difficult to draw with your non-dominant hand
2. Most obvious place to carry a weapon (where people will look for one first)
3. It is more vulnerable to someone trying to grab weapon from behind if you are not paying attention.

APPENDIX CARRY



- This means that the pistol is kept in an IWB holster in the front of your waist, or over your appendix.
- Inside Waistband (IWB) is the preferred method. Gives you more retention security and concealment. Outside Waistband (OWB) is less secure retention and bulky.
- Allows you to access your weapon with either hand. If you are unable to use your dominant hand to draw your weapon, for any reason, you can still access and draw the firearm with your non-dominant hand.
- Use proper holster and avoid appendix carrying any pistol with a light trigger pull.
 - One of the biggest drawbacks to the appendix carry position is that the muzzle of the pistol is kept aimed over your crotch/groin region, as well as over an artery in your thigh. If that artery gets severed, you're going to bleed to death in a matter of minutes.

APPENDIX CARRY (PRO's and CON'S)

- **PROS:**

1. Easy to access your weapon with either hand
2. Easy to access while sitting down

- **CONS:**

1. Not the most comfortable
2. Pistol is aimed right over your groin/crotch
3. Requires a large shirt or jacket to reduce printing



SMALL OF BACK (SOB)

- The SOB Carry places the pistol at 6 o'clock position in the center of back against your spine with the grip turned towards your dominate hand for easy draw/deployment.
- Is more prevalent than many people realize. It is a reasonably popular method of carry for law enforcement officers, particularly as a method of carrying a backup gun.
- Some great debates on the SOB Carry method.

SMALL OF BACK (PRO's and CON's)

- **PROS:**

1. From the front the gun simply disappears when wearing jacket or loose fitting shirt
2. While standing or walking the gun is hard to discern.
3. Comfortable while walking or standing during the day.

- **CONS:**

1. Drawing from the small of the back position requires a longer arm motion and awkward to grasp the grip
2. Bends over causes a bulge in the small of the back is noticeable and weapon shifts upwards.
3. Vulnerable if grabbed from behind making it difficult to draw or retain the handgun.
4. Uncomfortable when sitting down as it pushes into the spine.



ANKLE CARRY

- Is a popular carry choice for those who don't wear a jacket and have to keep their shirt tucked in.
- Battleline Tactical Instructors recommend ankle carry for back-up weapons only.
- One rule for ankle carry is you want to keep your pistol holstered on the inside of your leg. Right Handed = Inside Left Leg, etc.

ANKLE CARRY (PRO's and CON's)

- **PROS:**

1. Good carry method if you have to keep your shirt tucked in
2. Easy to draw while sitting down
3. Excellent option for a backup gun

- **CONS:**

1. Awkward to reach (requires you to kneel down)
2. Uncomfortable
3. Not good for running (holster can come loose)
4. Only small firearms permitted



SHOULDER HOLSTER CARRY



- Holster allows for easy access to weapon and additional ammo mags.
- Suitable choice for only specific jobs/protection details as well as the fall or winter time when more layers of clothing may hinder IWB / OWB carry positions.
- Mainly used by law enforcement (investigators), security details (business attire), Persons confined to Wheel Chairs, and Obese persons (extremely large abdomens).

SHOULDER HOLSTER CARRY

(PRO's and CON's)

- **PROS:**

1. Easy to draw while sitting down
2. Makes it easy to carry a handgun with two spare magazines or speed loaders
3. Allows you to carry a full-size handgun

- **CONS:**

1. Requires a jacket or coat
2. The weight of the holster, pistol, and magazines can wear you down



POCKET CARRY

- **YOUR POCKET IS NOT THE HOLSTER!**
- Choose the right **HOLSTER** for your pistol and pocket type.
- Most popular way to carry the smallest of handguns, such as .380 semi-autos or .38 snub nose revolvers.
- Pocket Pistols are backup pistols or when you have to be more discrete than usual.
- **OPINION: Pockets are for your EDC Knife(s) and Self-defense Pen/Device.**

POCKET CARRY (PRO's and CON's)

- **PROS:**

1. Very discreet
2. Excellent choice for a back-up weapon
3. Perhaps the easiest way to carry

- **CONS:**

1. Only suitable for the smallest handguns
2. You can only access the weapon with one hand
3. Limited access when sitting



OFF THE BODY CARRY

(ALL TYPES)



- **If you're going to conceal carry, the gun needs to be kept ON your person at all times!**
- **You want to have positive control and retention of your weapon at all times!**
- **Don't keep your weapon in your purse, backpack, messenger bag, or briefcase!**
 - Too easy for someone to get a hold of it and potentially cause a major accident.
 - In an purse, backpack, fanny pack, is **NOT on your person!**

DRESSING FOR CONCEALMENT

- Heavy vs. Light Fabrics.
- Dark vs. Light Colored Fabrics.
- Vertical vs. Horizontal Lines.
- Irregular shapes vs. Patterns.
- Sizing Up. (Pants/Skirts)
- Belts - Leather vs. Synthetic.
- Magazine Pouches - OWB vs. IWB
- Dress for the occasion/mission!



QUESTIONS?

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