



**Jewish Community  
Relations Council**

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**Jewish Community Relations Council opposes legislation permitting  
concealed weapons**

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Milwaukee - The Jewish Community Relations Council of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation opposes the three bills currently in the Wisconsin Legislature that would permit individuals to carry concealed weapons into public places, including houses of worship and hospitals.

Representing the consensus of the Milwaukee Jewish community, the JCRC maintains that the dangers posed by the unregulated presence of firearms in the hands of so many outweighs the potential security benefits that they might bring.

As an expression of our interest that Milwaukee is a safe place to live and work, we are opposed to the sale and possession of handguns. However, understanding the current realities around this issue, we call for any legislation to require people who carry concealed weapons to be licensed, trained and undergo background checks.

Further, concealed weapons should not be allowed in houses of worship, hospitals or facilities that house vulnerable populations, such as children, the elderly or persons undergoing treatment. Carrying weapons openly or concealed should be prohibited wherever alcoholic beverages are sold, served or consumed.

With a board comprised of 27 organizational members representing local synagogues and organizations, plus an equal number of at-large members, officers and past presidents, the JCRC speaks as the representative voice of the Jewish community on its public affairs and community relations issues.