



## A word about holster selection

Students must arrive with a proper belt, holster, and spare magazine carrier. The holster may be OWB (outside the waistband), IWB (inside the waistband), or AIWB (appendix inside the waistband). We encourage AIWB carry for safety and efficiency reasons.

### The Holster

The concealment holster **must** provide 8 deliverables:

1. All day comfort
2. Adequate concealment with proper clothing
3. Passive retention of both the gun in the holster, and the holster to the belt
4. Unimpeded one handed drawing and holstering
5. Access to the magazine release while gun is fully seated in the holster
6. Holster completely covers the trigger guard area
7. Holster trigger guard opening shape prevents errant clothing from getting inside the trigger guard and pressing the trigger during holstering
8. When empty, the holster opening remains fully open and does not collapse



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### Holsters We Recommend

Based on experience, we recommend the following brands: JM Custom Kydex, Dark Star Gear, and Phlster. Note: if you do not want to use a belt, Phlster's Enigma system is recommended.

For attaching your Kydex holster to your belt, there are 3 systems we recommend: Discreet Carry Concepts clips, Pull the Tab soft belt loops, or solid soft or hard belt loops. All other clips, paddles, and similar systems should be avoided.

If you prefer leather, then Milt Sparks and Mitch Rosen are recommended.

### The Belt

The concealment belt must be stiff and sturdy enough to carry the added weight of the holster and firearm without bending or shifting. Personally, I find nylon belts with an infinitely adjustable buckle to be comfortable and easy to use.

The width of the belt also needs to match BOTH the width of the **holster belt loop** attachment points as well as the **pant belt loops**. 1.5" is the most common width.

For concealment, The Foundation Belt from <https://edcbeltco.com> is my personal favorite though there are many other reputable brands.



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### BANNED Holsters from EDC Courses

For safety reasons, the following are banned from our courses. You will be sent home without a refund.

- × SERPA
- × Soft Nylon
- × Hybrid
- × Minimalist trigger guard
- × Belly Band
- × Fanny Pack
- × Shoulder
- × Small of the back
- × Paddle
- × Ankle