

# *Cans and Umbrellas Banned Near U.S. Republican Convention -- But Guns are OK*

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Cleveland, July 19 (RHC)-- Civilians may be carrying military-grade weapons in downtown Cleveland, Ohio this week. Like Louisiana and Texas in the United States, Ohio is an "open-carry" state. "Open carry" means that one can carry a gun openly, as long as it is not concealed.

The head of Cleveland's largest police union, Steve Loomis, has called on Ohio Governor John Kasich to suspend open-carry laws for the week of the Republican gathering, saying: "I don't care if it's constitutional or not at this point."

In response, Ohio Governor John Kasich said: "Ohio governors do not have the power to arbitrarily suspend federal and state constitutional rights or state laws as suggested."

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