
Policy Title: WEAPONS

Weapons and/or potentially dangerous devices in college buildings (owned, rented or leased), college-owned vehicles, or at a college-sponsored event (as defined in Section 943.13(1e)(h) of the Wisconsin State Statutes) held on public or private property off campus which is posted are strictly prohibited, except as expressly permitted hereafter or allowed by law. This prohibition applies to any person including employees, students, visitors, and vendors. Examples of prohibited legal weapons include: firearms, compressed gas operated weapons, bows of legal hunting strength, knives (other than small pocket knives), explosives, electrical devices or any other device which, in the manner it is used or intended to be used, is likely to produce bodily harm, or any device which the College shall deem dangerous. Employees may not carry any weapon while acting as an employee of the College except in their personal vehicle and as provided in this policy. Employees and students must also observe the policy developed by any employer or property owner at any alternative site visited for college business or for instruction.

Illegal weapons as defined by Wisconsin State Statutes are prohibited on all college property and at college-sponsored events. Illegal weapons include switchblades, machine guns, and short barreled rifles or shotguns.

No person who is prohibited by law from possessing a weapon shall be in possession of weapon on any college property whether owned, rented, or leased or any college sponsored event.

Any legal weapons placed, transported or possessed in a vehicle must be encased and unloaded (except for handguns) and all weapons stored in a vehicle must be stored out of sight and the vehicle must be locked. Any person in legal possession of a weapon in an area not prohibited is responsible for complying with all applicable local, state, and federal statutes, rules, and regulations regarding such weapon possession, placement, transportation, and use.

EXCEPTIONS

Weapons used, placed, possessed, or transported by a peace officer as defined by law, a serving member of the armed forces, a federal law enforcement officer, or an authorized retired law enforcement officer and then only when authorized or required to do so by his or her direct supervisor or commanding officer, and in accordance with applicable agency rules and policies.

Mid-State Security Directors are allowed to carry if in compliance with Federal and State law. (LEOSA (HR218)).

Faculty and students may be authorized in advance to possess, place, transport, or use weapons for educational purposes in conjunction with Criminal Justice or other district-approved courses but only in conformance with college policy and procedure.

USE, POSSESSION, PLACEMENT, OR TRANSPORTATION OF WEAPONS BY STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES IN INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS

A weapon or potentially dangerous device may be used, placed, transported, or possessed on college grounds or buildings when such possession, placement, transportation, or use is:

- authorized in advance by the instructor in the case of a student, and by the requisite college administrator in the case of an employee;
- necessary for training purposes; and,
- consistent with specific program practices and procedures.

Any firearms so authorized shall be encased and unloaded at all times in college buildings, except when being used for authorized instructional activities on the firing range or in other authorized areas.

Violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination if an employee, suspension or expulsion if a student, and criminal prosecution.

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