

SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MINES & TECHNOLOGY

Policy Manual

SUBJECT: Campus Weapons Policy

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Unauthorized possession of firearms, other items defined as dangerous weapons as referred to in BOR Policy 1.4.5 Section C.1 on institutional premises is strictly prohibited. No person shall possess or carry a weapon while on university property, except as authorized in this policy.

This policy does not apply to:

- Any starting gun while in use at an athletic event, and any firearm or air gun at a firing range, a gun show, or supervised school or session for training in the use of firearms;
- The ceremonial presence of any unloaded weapon at a color guard ceremony;
- Any weapon under control of any certified law enforcement officer;
- Any weapon under the control of military personnel, while performing military duties or in a military capacity, assigned to the South Dakota National Guard or to the Reserve Officers Training Corps;
- Any otherwise lawful firearm held in a weapon storage facility operated by the institution or while such firearm is being transported to or from such a storage facility; or
- Storage of any otherwise lawful firearm inside a locked personal motor vehicle is permitted on university property.
- Chemicals used for academic or research purposes purchased in accordance of university policies.

Procedures

- Authorized weapons must be stored in a locked vehicle or surrendered to Public Safety for secure storage upon entering campus. If the weapon is surrendered to Public Safety, the individual will then be required to sign and abide by the Weapons Storage Agreement provided to them by Public Safety. When removed from storage, the weapon must be locked in the individual's vehicle. It must never be taken to residence hall rooms or campus buildings.
- Any employee or student who becomes aware of a violation of this policy is required to immediately notify Public Safety, Residence Life, or Supervisor. Employees who are bound legally not to release such information are excluded from the notification policy.
- Violation of this policy may result in immediate termination of employment or expulsion.

Exception to the Policy

- If it is necessary to bring a weapon not delineated in this policy on campus, approval from Public Safety or designee must be obtained prior to bringing said weapon on campus.
- If approved, the supervisor of the person having the weapon on campus must follow the activities from start to finish.
- Public Safety or designee will provide the information and plan for storage/use to the Senior Student Development Official and Senior Facilities, Risk & Services Official for informational purposes only.

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BOR Policy/Committee References: BOR Policy 1.4.5 Section C.1

Possession of firearms or other dangerous weapons on the physical premises of the Regental institutions is prohibited unless authorized by the institutional chief executive officer or designee.

SDCL 22-1-2(10), "Dangerous weapon" or "deadly weapon," any firearm, stun gun, knife, or device, instrument, material, or substance, whether animate or inanimate, which is calculated or designed to inflict death or serious bodily harm, or by the manner in which it is used is likely to inflict death or serious bodily harm;