

Weapons on Campus Policy

POLICY INFORMATION

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Purpose and Summary

The University of Arizona (University) is committed to maintaining a safe and secure environment for the University Community, and it complies with the Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) 5-302 and Policy 5-303 and 5-308, prohibit the use, possession, display, or storage of any weapons, explosive device, or fireworks on the University of Arizona campus and on all land and in all buildings owned or under the control of the University of Arizona on behalf of the Arizona Board of Regents, except as provided in ARS §12-781. No concealed carry permit exempts a person from this policy.

If any person requests an exemption from this policy, the Chief of Police of the University of Arizona Police Department has been empowered to review and grant any such requests.

Scope

This Policy applies to the University Community on any University Property or at a University-Sponsored or University-Sanctioned/Approved Activity.

is enforceable against all University of Arizona employees, students, and visitors on the University of Arizona campus and on all land and in all buildings owned or under the control of the University of Arizona.

Exceptions to this policy include

- Peace officers certified by the State of Arizona and currently employed by an Arizona law enforcement agency performing official duties.
- Peace officers certified by the State of Arizona in an off-duty capacity and currently employed by an Arizona law enforcement agency.
- Any law enforcement officer working under their color of authority.
- Weapons used in authorized academic programs for which prior approval has been obtained from the Dean or Department Head, Provost, and Chief of Police or their authorized representatives.
- Any other activity that has been given prior written approval by the Chief of Police and authorized University representative

Definitions

For the purpose of this policy the following definitions will apply.

Dangerous Instrument, as defined in ABOR Policy 5-308, means anything that, under the circumstances in which it is used, attempted to be used, or threatened to be used, is readily capable of causing death or serious physical injury.

Explosive Material or Device means dynamite, nitroglycerin, black powder, or other similar explosive material or bomb including plastic explosives; or any breakable container that contains a flammable liquid with a flash point of 150°F or less and that has a wick or similar device capable of being ignited.

Fireworks means any fireworks, firecrackers, sparklers, rockets, or and any propellant-activated device whose intended purpose is primarily for illumination.

Personal Safety Devices means (1) commercially available electroshock devices, including conducted electrical weapons designed to protect personal safety from physical attacks by other people; (2) commercially available chemical repellants designed to protect personal safety from physical attacks by other people (chemical repellants labeled "for police use only" or "for law enforcement use only" may not be possessed by the general public); (3) blades less than 5 inches long; (4) tactical pens; (5) hi-intensity tactical flashlight or strobe devices; (6) personal alarms, including hi-volume, audible, alert/alarm devices (may include visual and audio effects); and (7) commercially available keyring defensive tools, with the exception of brass knuckles.

University Assets means items of tangible or intangible property owned by, leased to, licensed to, or in the possession of the University. University Assets also include items which rightfully should be a University Asset but were diverted due to misuse. Examples of University Assets include but are not limited to, money, paid employee time, proprietary information, intellectual property (such as patents, trademarks, and copyrights), land, buildings, improvements, equipment, vehicles, software, supplies, tools, inventory, library volumes, art objects, and museum pieces.

University Community means, for the purpose of this policy, any of the following individuals: students; employees; third parties, including, but not limited to, contractors, vendors, volunteers, and DCCs; or members of the public.

University Property means all land, buildings, and other facilities owned, operated, leased, or controlled by the University.

University-Sponsored or University Sanctioned/Approved Activity means any activity on or off University Property which is initiated, aided, authorized, or supervised by the University.

Weapon means any object or substance designed to (or which could be reasonably expected to) inflict a wound, cause injury, incapacitate, or cause death including without limitation all firearms (loaded and unloaded, simulated and real), devices designed to expel a projectile (such as, but not limited to, BB guns, gel blasters, air guns, paint ball guns, pellet guns, and potato guns), swords, switchblade knives, knives with blades five inches or longer, martial arts weapons, bows and arrows, and chemicals such as mace or, as tear gas repellents labeled for police or law enforcement use only. or oleoresin capsicum (i.e. pepper spray), but excluding normally available over the counter self defense repellents. Chemical repellants labeled "for police use only" or "for law enforcement use only" may not be possessed by the general

public. Personal Safety Devices are not included in this definition. Personal Safety Devices are not included in this definition.

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Any The use, possession, display, or storage of ~~a weapon~~ any Weapon, Dangerous Instrument, Explosive Material or Device, torch, device with open flames or fireworks, bomb-making materials, or potentially dangerous chemicals, on the property of the institution University Property or at a University-sponsored Sponsored or University-Sanctioned/Approved Activity after a reasonable request to remove the weapon, explosive device, or fireworks interferes with and disrupts the lawful use of the institution's property by other is prohibited, except as provided in: (1) A.R.S. section 12-781, (2) ABOR Policy 5-308(F)(24)(c), or (3) except as otherwise set out in this Policy. Persons in violation of any lawful order to remove the weapon or to leave the property are subject to arrest by a peace officer for interference with or disruption of an educational institution, ARS 13-2911(A)(3).

If an incident involves an immediate threat to life or property, members of the University Community are to call 911.

To report violations or suspected violations of this Policy, members of the University Community should call UAPD at 520-621-8273.

A. Violations

1. A.R.S. section 13-2911 prohibits the interference with or disruption of an educational institution, which includes non-compliance with or violations of ABOR Policies 5-303 and 5-308. Individuals who violate these policies may be subject to arrest under applicable law. A.R.S. Title 13. Violations may also result in arrest for applicable state statutes.
2. Violations of ABOR Policies 5-302 and 5-303 of the Code of Conduct are enforceable against all University of Arizona ~~of this p~~Policy by the University employees, students and visitors Community ~~will be considered misconduct that is subject to disciplinary action in accordance with ABOR Policy Policies 5-303 and 5-308 and any other applicable policies or guidelines.~~
3. Violations of this pPolicy by members of the public may result in ~~ejection~~ an exclusionary order per the University Exclusionary Order Policy ~~from the property~~ University Property ~~or a University-sponsored Sponsored or University-Sanctioned/Approved Activity~~ and/or confiscation of ~~thea w~~Weapon, Dangerous Instrument ~~used, displayed or possessed~~ Explosive Material or Device, torch, device with open flames or fireworks, bomb-making materials, or potentially dangerous chemicals.
 - a. Confiscated Wweapon(s) or Dangerous Instrument(s) ~~may be sold, destroyed, or otherwise disposed of in accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes~~ A.R.S. section 12-945(B), A.R.S. section 13-3105, A.R.S. section 13-3108(F), and A.R.S. section 17-240.
 - a. b. All seizures of prohibited items will be carried out within current policies regarding the processing of evidence.

B. Enforcement

1. In accordance with A.R.S. section 13-2911, the chief administrative officer, which the University's Chief Safety Officer, or an officer or employee designated by the chief administrative officer Chief Safety Officer to maintain order, may order a person to leave University Property or a University-sponsored Sponsored or University-Sanctioned/Approved Activity if the chief Administrative officer Chief Safety Officer or the their chief administrative officer's designee believes that the person is committing any act, or is acting with the purpose of committing any act, that disrupts a University-sponsored Sponsored or University-Sanctioned/Approved Activity or the lawful use of University Property and University Assets by others.

~~Violations of this policy by University students, faculty and staff will be considered misconduct, subject to disciplinary action in accordance with ABOR policy. Violation of this policy by members of the public may result in ejection from the property and/or confiscation of the weapon, dangerous instrument used, displayed or possessed. Violations may also result in arrest for applicable state statutes.~~

~~Confiscated weapon(s) or instrument(s) may be sold, destroyed or otherwise disposed of in accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes. All seizures of prohibited items will be carried out within current policies regarding the processing of evidence.~~

C. Exceptions

Exceptions to this Policy include:

1. As provided in A.R.S. section 12-781.
2. The possession or use of Personal Safety Devices.
3. Peace officers certified by the State of Arizona and currently employed by an Arizona law enforcement agency performing official duties.
4. Honorably retired peace officers who may or may not be Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act (LEOSA) credentialed Peace officers certified by the State of Arizona in an off-duty capacity and or who are currently employed by a federal an Arizona law enforcement agency.
5. Any law enforcement officer working in their law enforcement capacity.
6. Weapons used in authorized academic University programs for which prior written approval has been was obtained from all of the following: the Dean or Department Head, Provost, and University Chief of Police or the Chief of Police's authorized designee.
7. Any other activity that has been was given prior written approval by the University Chief of Police and authorized University representative.

D. Request for Exceptions

The process to request an exception is outlined in the Procedure to Request an Exception for Weapons on Campus.

Any request to use, possess, display, or store a weapon on University property in connection with official University business must first be reviewed by the responsible Dean, or Department Head. The Dean, or Department Head and may comment and shall forward the request to the Provost for review and comment. The request must:

- Identify the purpose of the request;
- Identify how this request furthers the mission of the University;
- Identify the Weapon;
- Picture of the Weapon;
- Identify the duration of the request (for exemption requests longer than twelve (12) months, an exemption request renewal is required annually prior to the end of the current exemption period);
- Identify a responsible person;
- Identify how the Weapon will be secured
- i. Identify how the Weapon will or may be used.

The request will be evaluated by the Chief of Police, or their designated representative and a written decision rendered within ten (10) working days. If the request is approved, the approval will include any conditions or restrictions necessary to require safety and consistency with the intent of Arizona Board of Regents ABOR policy. If approval is given for an indefinite period of time, it must be reviewed annually and renewed by the requestor. The University of Arizona Police Department (UAPD) will keep all requests on file and available for confirmation by police officers.

Compliance

UAPD is responsible for overseeing compliance with this Policy.

Please note that the following sections are provided solely for the convenience of users and are not part of the official University policy.

Sources

[ABOR Policy 5-302 Code of Conduct- Definitions](#)

[ABOR Policy 5-303 Prohibited Conduct](#)

[ABOR Policy 5-308 Student Code of Conduct](#)



[A.R.S. section 12-781\(A\)\(1\)\(2\) Transportation or storage of firearms; motor vehicles; applicability](#)

[A.R.S. section 12-945\(B\) Sale of property](#)

[A.R.S. section 13 Criminal Code](#)

[A.R.S. section 13-2911\(A\)\(3\) and 13-2911\(B\) Unlawful animal ownership or possession; transfer of animals; restoration of right to possess animals; classification; good cause exception; definitions](#)

[A.R.S. section 13-3102 Misconduct involving weapons; defenses; classification; definitions](#)

[A.R.S. section 13-3105 Forfeiture of weapons and explosives](#)

[A.R.S. section 13-3108 Firearms regulated by state; state preemption; injunction; civil penalty; cause of action; violation; classification; definition](#)

[A.R.S. section 17-240 Disposition of wildlife; devices; unlawful devices; notice of intention to destroy; waiting period; destruction; jurisdiction of recovery actions; disposition of unclaimed property](#)

Related Information

[Exclusionary Order Policy](#)

[Procedure to Request an Exception for Weapons on Campus](#)

[UAPD Website](#)

[ABOR Policy 5-302 Code of Conduct-Definitions](#)

[ABOR Policy 5-303 Prohibited Conduct](#)

[A.R.S. section 13-2911\(A\)\(3\)](#)