



Firearms and Weapons Policy

1. Although Florida law recognizes that, under specific circumstances, an individual may carry firearms in vehicles and into parking lots, the College of Law, as an institution of higher education, is exempt from that law. Therefore, except as provided in paragraph 3 below, no person will be permitted to possess a concealed or unconcealed firearm, weapon, or other hazardous material
 - (a) on the campuses of the Stetson University College of Law;
 - (b) on premises owned or within the control of the College; or
 - (c) at functions sponsored by the College.

2. Items covered by this policy include, but are not limited, to
 - (a) guns and firearms of all types;
 - (b) stun guns, air guns, and spear guns;
 - (c) machetes, swords, and knives, except for pocket knives with blades less than three inches and knives normally used for cooking or dining;
 - (d) billy clubs, stilettos, metallic knuckles, and martial arts weapons;
 - (e) bows and arrows;
 - (f) slingshots;
 - (g) chemical weapons, fireworks and incendiary devices, and explosives of any type; and
 - (h) any other type of deadly weapon.

In addition, other than for use as props in official College of Law activities, such as graduation ceremonies and lawyering skills classes or programs, this policy also prohibits individuals from possessing replica or "toy" weapons on campus, and from possessing on campus component parts that can be readily assembled into a weapon. If a professor assigns a problem that will require students to use a

replica or toy weapon in a class, the professor should notify the Director of Public Safety as far in advance as possible. If a student intends to bring a toy or replica weapon to campus for a class or program, the student is encouraged to notify the Director of Public Safety in advance.

Questions about whether an item is covered by the policy should be directed to the Director of Public Safety.

3. This policy does not apply to:
 - (a) security or other College personnel specifically authorized by the Dean;
 - (b) law enforcement officers, including law students whose employer requires them to carry a weapon at all times as a condition of employment; this expectation must be provided in writing to the College of Law's Director of Public Safety; or
 - (c) a firearm or other weapon lawfully owned and maintained by a student living in College of Law owned housing (auxiliary housing and Rosa Apartments only), as long as the weapon is kept safely within the confines of the student's off-campus home or apartment and appropriate measures are taken to safeguard the weapon. However, when a student who resides with at least one other student in College of Law owned housing becomes aware of a weapon within the residence, and registers a written objection with the Housing Manager, the College of Law reserves the right either to ban the weapon or require one or more of the involved students to make other living arrangements.
4. A student who possesses an item or material in violation of this policy will be subject to discipline under the Code of Student Professionalism and Conduct, Academic Honor Code, and/or the Campus Security and Violence Policy.
5. An employee who possesses an item or material in violation of this policy will be subject to dismissal or other appropriate sanctions to be determined by the Dean.
6. Any person whose possession of a prohibited item or material constitutes a violation of the criminal laws will be referred to the appropriate police or governmental authorities and may be prosecuted to the extent allowed by law.

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