

Weapons Policy

Purpose

This policy states the University of Mary's position on weapons on campus property and at university events.

Statement of the Policy

Except as otherwise stated in this policy, the University of Mary prohibits the use, possession, display or storage of any weapons, ammunition, explosive device, or fireworks on university property or at university events. This includes university housing, university parking areas, and private vehicles parked or operated either on campus or at any off-campus facility owned, leased, or operated by the university. This policy applies to all persons, including faculty, staff, students, spouses, dependents, and visitors. This policy shall not apply to law enforcement officers or federal agents authorized to carry weapons by their governmental agency.

Weapons are permitted for purposes of law enforcement or as authorized in writing for purposes of instruction, research, service or other specifically approved purposes. To obtain written authorization for activities related to instruction, research, service, or other specific purposes, contact the head of security or the director of the physical plant prior to the event. In the event the use, possession, display or storage of the weapon will take place in a residence hall, written authorization must also be obtained from the director of student life. Always obtain authorization if there is any doubt of violation of this policy.

An exception to the general ban on fireworks established by this policy is a fireworks display that has the prior written approval of the vice president for financial affairs as a part of a university approved event or celebration.

Appropriate tools, such as saws, knives and other such implements, necessary for the performance of job duties or school work are the only other exception to the policy.

Individuals in possession of unauthorized weapons, ammunition, explosive devices, or fireworks on campus may, depending on the circumstances, be subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the University of Mary or termination of employment. In addition, the individual may also be subject to criminal prosecution.

Definitions

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

Weapon: Any object or substance designed to inflict a wound, cause injury, or incapacitate, including without limitation all firearms, BB guns, air guns, pellet guns, paint guns, crossbows, long bows, swords, martial arts weapons, brass knuckles,

switchblade knives, knives with blades five inches or more long and chemicals such as tear gas or oleoresin capsicum, but excluding normally available over-the-counter self-defense repellents. Also prohibited are replica or imitation firearms including toys.

Fireworks: Any fireworks, fire crackers, sparklers, rockets of any propellant-activated device whose intended purpose is primarily for illumination.

Explosive: Any dynamite, nitroglycerin, black powder or other similar explosive material including plastic explosives.

Ammunition: Is any material capable of being projected by a weapon and makes the weapon operational.

Approved

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