



SUBJECT: Physical Plan

POLICY: 601.1 Weapons

RELATED PROCEDURE:

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Introduction and Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish restrictions regarding the possession, carry, transportation and storage of firearms and weapons on the Great Falls College MSU premises.

Policy

No person may carry or possess a weapon, regardless of whether the person has a permit to carry a concealed weapon, on Great Falls College MSU premises except as authorized by this policy.

Licensed peace officers working in the course and scope of their employment as law enforcement officers and employees of a contracted private security company, registered to carry firearms pursuant to Title 37, Chapter 60, MCA, working in the course and scope of their employment, are authorized to carry loaded firearms on campus.

The display of unloaded firearms in connection with GFC MSU events or events contracted under the Facility Use Policy by third parties is permitted, if the advance written permission from the CEO/Dean or designee. The campus official shall provide notice to college administrators or employees who, in his or her discretion, should be advised of the granted exception.

Violations of this policy will result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal and/or referral for prosecution.

Definitions

Standards of Practice Rules, procedures, or guidelines developed by campus authorities to permit, restrict, or require actions within the parameters of the enterprise policy.

Responsible Party Individual, title, position or group responsible for authority and review of policy or standard of practice.

Weapon is an instrument, article or substance that is designed, used or likely to be used to cause bodily harm or property damage. Weapons include the following items: firearms, including rifles, shotguns, handguns; bowie, dirks and knives (other than kitchen knives) with blades four (4) inches or longer, explosives, swords, nunchucks, throwing stars and other martial arts weapons, crossbows, compound bows, recurve bows, long bows, pepper spray (except for small, personal protection dispensers), BB guns, paintball guns, blow dart guns, ammunition and non-functioning replicas that could be confused with actual firearms.

College Premises means the facilities and land owned, leased by or under the primary control of Great Falls College MSU and passenger vehicles owned, leased or otherwise under the control of the College.