



Campus Administrative Policy

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Applies to: Anschutz Medical Campus
 Denver Campus
 South Denver Location

A. INTRODUCTION

Board of Regents Policy 14.I recognizes that the unauthorized possession of firearms, explosives, and other dangerous or illegal weapons on or within any University of Colorado campus, leased building, or areas where such possession interferes with the learning and working environment of the University of Colorado is inconsistent with the academic mission of the university.

Further, Board of Regents Law 14.B.3 allows the chancellors of each campus to enact rules lawfully regulating the possession of firearms, explosives, and other weapons for their respective campus.

B. POLICY STATEMENT

Both the Denver Campus and the Anschutz Medical Campus prohibit the unauthorized possession of firearms, explosives and other dangerous or illegal weapons on any property owned, leased, or controlled by the Denver Campus or the Anschutz Medical Campus. The carrying of a concealed weapon in accordance with the requirements of the Colorado concealed carry laws shall not be deemed unauthorized by this policy. Further,

this policy shall not apply to any member of the armed forces of the United States or Colorado National Guard while acting in his/her official capacity and in conformance with general or specific military orders.

Possession of firearms, explosives, or other dangerous weapons is permitted for peace officers or for others who have written permission from the chief of police for those campuses which have such an officer or from the chancellor after consultation with the chief of police. Requests for exemption from this policy shall be submitted to the Chief of Police and will be considered based upon the educational or business need for possession of the otherwise prohibited weapon.

In the event that the individual found guilty via a due process procedure of the unauthorized possession of firearms, explosives, or other dangerous or illegal weapons, is found to have intentionally or recklessly used or possessed such weapons in a way that would intimidate, harass, injure or otherwise interfere with the learning and working environment of the university, that individual shall be banned from the university campus, leased building, or other area under the control of university campus police. For employees or students, the result may include termination or expulsion from the University. Such determination will be made in collaboration with Human Resources (for employees) and Student Affairs (for students). In the case of the Denver Campus, officials shall make every effort to work with the Auraria Higher Education Center officials to obtain a reciprocal ban relating to AHEC property. This section is not intended to limit the discretion of the University to institute summary suspension proceedings.

This policy is intended to clearly state expected standards of personal conduct for employees, students, and visitors.

C. DEFINITIONS

1. **Dangerous or illegal weapon** – an instrument of offensive or defensive combat; anything used, or designed to be used, in destroying, defeating, or injuring a person; an instrumentality designed or likely to produce bodily harm; or an instrument by the use of which may cause serious bodily injury or death.

a. A "dangerous weapon" may include, but not be limited to, the following: a firearm silencer, machine gun, short shotgun, short rifle, or ballistic knife (C.R.S. 18-12-102).

b. An "illegal weapon" may include, but not be limited to, the following: blackjack, a gas gun, or metallic knuckles (C.R.S. 18-12-102).

A harmless instrumentality, or replica, designed to look like a firearm, explosive, dangerous or illegal weapon which is used by or is in the possession of a person with the intent to cause fear in or assault to another person is expressly included within the meaning of a firearm, explosive, or dangerous or illegal weapon.

Notes

1. Dates of official enactment and amendments:
January 1, 2021: Adopted/Approved by both Chancellors
2. History: Enacted to pursuant to Regent Policy 14.I modifications, February, 13, 2020.
3. Initial Policy Effective Date: January 1, 2021
4. Cross Reference:
 - [University of Colorado Board of Regents Policy 14.I: Weapons Control](#)