



Campus Administrative Policy

Policy Title: **Campus Weapons Control**

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A. Introduction

Board of Regents Policy 14.E recognizes that the unauthorized possession of, knives firearms, explosives, and 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 “Banned Items” as defined in this policy, including firearms, knives, explosives, and dangerous or illegal weapons on any property owned, leased, or controlled by the Denver Campus or the Anschutz Medical Campus.

The only permitted exceptions to this prohibition are:

1. The carrying of a concealed weapon, in parking areas only, in accordance with the requirements of the Colorado concealed carry laws and after January 1, 2025, Colorado laws on firearm storage in vehicles.
2. The carrying of a firearm or other weapon by any member of the armed forces of the United States, or Colorado National Guard while acting in their official capacity and in conformance with general or specific military orders, and
3. A peace officer, as described in § 16-2.5-101, C.R.S., when carrying a weapon in conformance with the policy of their employing agency as provided in § 16-2.5-101(2).
4. A law enforcement officer, agent, or employee of the United States, when lawfully carrying a weapon in conformance with the policy of their employing agency.
5. The possession of a Banned Item by individuals 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 an individual found to be in possession of a Banned Item, or is found to have intentionally or recklessly used or possessed an item that does not meet the definition of a Banned Item in a way that would intimidate, harass, injure or otherwise interfere with the learning and working environment of the university, that individual may be excluded from the university campus, leased building, or other area under the control of the university. For employees or students, the result may include termination or expulsion from the University. Such a decision 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

A "Banned Item" shall include any of the following:

1. Firearms of any size or type of construction and ammunition, which may include but are not limited to: gas or air guns, including BB, pellet, and paint ball guns; firearm silencers; machine guns; short shotguns; short rifles;
2. Any knife with a blade over 3.5 inches in length, including hunting and fishing knives;
3. Ballistic, gravity and switchblade knives, regardless of the length of the blade;
4. Bows and arrows, and cross-bows;
5. Blackjacks, bludgeons, batons, nunchaku, throwing stars, and metallic knuckles;
6. Swords, pikes, lances and spears;
7. Fireworks, bombs, grenades and torches;
8. Shields, poles, or other objects that may or are being used to strike, block, push or corral another person; and
9. A harmless instrumentality, or replica, designed to look like a firearm, explosive, or other weapon.

Notes

1. History

- January 1, 2021: Adopted/Approved by both Chancellors
- Enacted pursuant to Regent Policy 14.I modifications, February 13, 2020
- Revised December 12, 2022
- Revised September 6, 2024
- Modified August 1, 2025 to update the reference to the Regent Policy on Weapons Control (which was renumbered to 14.E; formerly 14.I).

2. Cross Reference:

- [University of Colorado Board of Regents Policy 14.E: Weapons Control](#)

3. Responsible Offices:

- CU Anschutz Police Department
- Auraria Police Department
- Executive Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance, CU Anschutz
- Executive Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration, CU Denver