

RADFORD UNIVERSITY WEAPONS REGULATION

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Definitions

The following words and terms when used in this chapter shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

“Firearms” are defined as any gun, rifle, pistol, or handgun designed to fire any projectile including but not limited to bullets, BBs, pellets, or shots, including paint balls, regardless of the propellant used.

“Police officer” means law-enforcement officials appointed pursuant to Article 3 (§ 15.2-1609 et seq.) of Chapter 16 or Chapter 17 (§ 15.2-1700 et seq.) of Title 15.2, Chapter 17 (§ 23-232 et seq.) of Title 23, Chapter 2 (§ 29.1-200 et seq.) of Title 29.1, and Chapter 1 (§ 52-1 et seq.) of Title 52 of the Code of Virginia, currently sworn federal law-enforcement officers, or currently sworn and certified law-enforcement officers of all other jurisdictions of the United States of America.

“University property” means any property owned, leased, or controlled by Radford University.

“Weapons” are defined as any instrument of combat, or any object not designed as an instrument of combat but carried for the purpose of inflicting or threatening bodily injury. Examples include but are not limited to firearms, knives with fixed blades or pocket knives with blades longer than four inches, razors, metal knuckles, blackjacks, hatchets, bows and arrows, nun chahkas, foils, stun weapons, or any explosive or incendiary device. Stun weapon is defined as any device that emits a momentary or pulsed output which is electrical, audible, optical, or electromagnetic in nature and which is designed to temporarily incapacitate a person.

Possession of Weapons Prohibited

The university’s employees, students, and volunteers are prohibited from carrying, maintaining, or storing a firearm or weapon on any university property. Any visitor or other third party attending a sporting, entertainment, or educational event, or visiting an academic or administrative office building, dining facility, or residence hall, is prohibited from carrying, maintaining, or storing a firearm or weapon on any university facility, even if the owner has a valid permit. This prohibition also applies to all events on campus where people congregate in any public or outdoor areas.

Any such individual who is reported or discovered to possess a firearm or other weapon on university property will be asked to remove it immediately from university property. Failure to comply may result in a student conduct referral, an employee disciplinary action, or arrest.

Exceptions to Prohibition

The following groups are exempted from this regulation:

1. Employees may possess or carry a firearm or other weapon only if the employee is:
 - a. Required to possess the firearm or other weapon as a part of the employee's job duties with Radford University;
 - b. Using the firearm or weapon in conjunction with training received by the employee in order to perform the responsibilities of his/her job with the university;
 - c. A certified and sworn police officer employed by the Radford University Police Department;
 - d. Currently a sworn and certified state or federal law enforcement officer who carries proper identification;
 - e. Participating in a program sponsored by the Radford University Police Department, wherein the firearms are provided by the department and utilized only during direct supervision by the department.
2. Students may possess and use appropriate tools, such as saws, knives, and other such implements, necessary for the performance of their job duties or school work, or for student recreational purposes approved under university policy or while participating in a program sponsored by the Radford University Police Department wherein the firearms are provided by the department and utilized only during supervision by the department.
3. The Chief of the Radford University Police Department, or his designee, may authorize in writing a student or employee to store a firearm or weapon covered by this chapter with the Radford University Police Department. A request for permission pursuant to this exception shall be addressed in advance to the Chief of the Radford University Police Department, or his designee, where it will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis in accordance with state and federal law, university policy and procedure, and the safety of the university community.
4. Contractors and others on campus whose duties require possession and use of construction equipment, including but not limited to pneumatic nail guns, may possess and use such equipment only in performance of their job duties through a valid contractual or legal relationship with Radford University.

Person Lawfully In Charge

In addition to individuals authorized by university policy, Radford University police officers, and other police officers acting pursuant to a mutual aid agreement or by concurrent jurisdiction, are lawfully in charge for the purposes of forbidding entry upon or remaining upon university property while possessing or carrying weapons in violation of this prohibition.

Also see: [Virginia Administrative Code, Title 8. Education, Agency 75. Radford University, Chapter 20. Weapons Regulation](#)