

Purdue University Fort Wayne

TITLE: Guidelines Implementing Purdue University Policy on Weapons

SECTION I: PURPOSE

Purdue University Fort Wayne recognizes the importance of providing an environment that encourages the safety of all members of the University community. In recognition of Purdue University Policy ([No. IV.B.1](#)) prohibiting the possession of firearms and other dangerous and deadly materials or weapons on or in University Facilities except with specific authorization, Purdue University Fort Wayne publishes the following guidelines for the Fort Wayne campus.

SECTION II: DIRECTIVE

Faculty, staff, employees, students, visitors, guests, and all other individuals are prohibited from possessing or carrying weapons of any kind while on or in University Facilities or at University activities, regardless of whether they are licensed to carry the weapon. This prohibition extends to individuals having weapons in briefcases, purses, toolboxes, personal vehicles, or other personal property. University sanctions will be imposed on offenders as appropriate, and, in addition, criminal charges may be filed.

The Chancellor or authorized representative may authorize the reasonable search of patrons, fans, or visitors for any explosives, guns, or other deadly or dangerous materials or weapons deemed necessary for the protection of the University Facilities and its occupants.

SECTION III: EXCEPTIONS

The only exceptions to this policy are:

- a) firearms in possession of University police officers and other individuals who have written authorization from the University's Chancellor, Chief Financial Officer, or authorized representative;
- b) any legal chemical defensive spray carried for self-defense purposes that is formulated to cause no lasting harm.

SECTION IV: DEFINITIONS

"University Facilities" is defined by University policy to include all University owned, leased, used, or occupied buildings or structures, or any land or infrastructure owned, used, or leased by the University.

University vehicles are covered by this policy at all times, whether or not they are on University property or at University activities.

Weapons include but are not limited to

- a) firearms, such as handguns, shotguns, rifles, pellet guns, machine guns, stun guns, tasers, or electronic stun weapons.
- b) explosives, such as bombs, grenades, blasting caps, or other containers containing explosive substances;
- c) other equipment, material, and devices, which in the manner they are used could ordinarily cause harm or are readily capable of causing serious bodily injury. The items described in the clause include, but are not limited to, knives (except small personal pocket knives with folding blades that are less than three inches long.), tear gas, chemical substances, brass knuckles, clubs, or chains.