

FIREARMS, EXPLOSIVES, OR WEAPONS

I. Policy Section

14.0 Risk Management

II. Policy Subsection

14.2 Firearms, Explosives or Weapons

III. Policy Statement

Possession or use of firearms, explosives, weapons, or anything that is intended to be construed as a weapon is not permitted on College property.

IV. Reason for the Policy

To prohibit the possession or use of firearms, explosives or weapons on College property, as defined herein, for the safety of its employees, students, customers, and the general public.

V. Entities Affected by this Policy

Employees, students, vendors, visitors to the campus as well as the general public

This policy does not apply to active law enforcement officers who are carrying weapons in the course of their duties or in compliance with State and Federal Laws. Retired law enforcement officers who meet all the requirements of the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004, Title 18 USC 926C, also known as LEOSA, may be authorized to carry concealed on GRCC property upon written request and approval of the Campus Police Chief on an annual basis.

In addition, this policy does not apply to items and materials that are approved by the College for educational purposes.

VI. Who Should Read this Policy

All employees and students
Board of Trustees
Vendors
Visitors

VII. Related Documents

City of Grand Rapids Firearms Ordinance 153 Section 9.171

VIII. Contacts

Policy Owner: Campus Chief of Police

IX. Definitions

“College property” includes but is not limited to property owned, operated, managed, licensed to, or leased by the College. At Grand Rapids Community College, all College property is used for classroom purposes.

“Weapons” shall mean any type of firearm, knife, dagger, dirk, stiletto, a double-edged non-folding stabbing instrument, taser, brass knuckles, any other type of instrument which could be used as a weapon, and any type of explosive, chemicals, or objects, or instruments possessed for use of fighting or attacking.

“Firearms” shall mean any weapon or device from which is propelled any missile, projectile, bullet, shot, pellet, or other mass by means of explosives, compressed air or gas, or by means of springs, levers or other mechanical device which weapon or device shall be capable by the discharge of any such propelled missile, projectile, bullet, shot, pellet or other mass of inflicting personal injury or death upon any person.

X. Procedures

Violations of policy:

Employees or students who violate this policy shall be subject to corrective action up to and including termination of employment or expulsion from the College where applicable. Anyone who violates this policy may be subject to civil or criminal sanctions and/or removal from College property by GRCC police officers, including those who are licensed to carry concealed weapons, as provided by law.

How to handle a situation where they see someone with a gun or other weapon?

If anyone observes a person with a weapon, they should immediately contact GRCC Police at (616) 234-4911 or 4911 from a campus phone and advise the dispatcher of what they have seen. The dispatcher will ask the caller to provide a clothing description of the person and direction of

travel, as well as any other pertinent questions. Officers will be sent to look for the subject immediately.

XI. Effective Date

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XII. Policy History

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XIII. Next Review/Revision Date

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