

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 property owned or controlled by the college.

IV. Reason for the Policy

To prohibit the possession or use of firearms, explosives or weapons on property owned or controlled by the college, 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 GRCC 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

VIII. Contacts

Policy Owner: Chief of Police

IX. Definitions

- A. **College Property:** This term includes but is not limited to property owned, operated, managed, licensed to or leased by the College. At GRCC, all college property is used for classroom purposes.
- B. **Weapons:** This term includes any type of firearm, knife, dagger, dirk, stiletto, a double-edged non-folding stabbing instrument, taser, brass knuckles, and 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.
- C. **Firearms:** This term includes 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?

Anyone who observes a person with a weapon, should immediately contact GRCC Police at (616) 234-4911 or 4911 from a campus phone. The dispatcher will ask the caller to provide specific details including the 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. Forms

N/A

XII. Effective Date

May, 2012

XIII. Policy History

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XIV. Next Review/Revision Date

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