

SEATTLE UNIVERSITY FIREARMS AND WEAPONS POLICY

Seattle University is committed to ensuring a safe and secure environment for the University community. This policy is a proactive step towards reducing the risk of injury or death associated with intentional or accidental use of firearms and weapons.

Policy

All members of the Seattle University community, including faculty, staff, students and visitors are prohibited from possessing, discharging, or otherwise using firearms, explosives or weapons (“weapons”) on University premises without the expressed authorization of the Director of Campus Public Safety, whether or not the person has been issued a federal or state license to possess such weapons.

All members of the Seattle University community are also prohibited from possessing weapons while working or attending University or University-related events, whether or not the event is on University premises.

Any person violating this policy will be subject to disciplinary action including but not limited to suspension, expulsion, termination, removal from University premises or events and/or criminal prosecution.

Suspected violations of this policy should be reported immediately to the Department of Campus Public Safety at (206) 296-5911.

Exceptions

The following exceptions apply to this policy:

- Commissioned law enforcement officers in performance of their official duties.
- Military personnel in performance of their official duties.
- Armored vehicle guards.
- An individual using or possessing a weapon in connection with a scheduled educational, recreational or training program or activity authorized in writing by the Director of Campus Public Safety and under the supervision of a University employee.
- Additional exceptions to this policy may be requested in writing to the Director of Campus Public Safety. The Director will review requests on a case-by-case basis with University Counsel.

Definitions

- **Firearm** – Any device that shoots a bullet, pellet, flare, tranquilizer, dart, or other projectile, whether loaded or unloaded, including those powered by CO₂. This includes but is not limited to guns, air guns, dart guns, pistols, revolvers, rifles, shot guns, cannons, and any ammunition for any such device.

- **Weapon** – Any device that is designed to or traditionally used to inflict serious bodily injury. This includes but is not limited to:
 - Firearms, slingshots, switchblades, daggers, swords, blackjacks, brass knuckles, bows and arrows, tasers, hand grenades, knives with blades three (3) inches or longer, nunchucks, and throwing stars; or
 - Any object that could be reasonably construed as a weapon; or
 - Any object legally controlled as a weapon or treated as a weapon under the law.

- **Explosives** – Any dangerous chemicals, substances, mixtures or compounds capable of or intended to cause injury to another, or possessed in negligent disregard for the safety of self and others. This includes but is not limited to firecrackers, gunpowder and dynamite.