

# SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MINES & TECHNOLOGY

## Policy Manual

**SUBJECT:** Campus Weapons Policy

**NUMBER:** Policy VII-08 (Formerly Policy VII-A-12)

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Unauthorized possession of firearms, other items defined as dangerous weapons as referred to in BOR Policy 3.4 Section 2.3.6 on institutional premises is strictly prohibited. No student or employee shall possess or carry a weapon while on university property, except as authorized in this policy.

**This policy does not apply to:**

- Any starting gun while in use at an athletic event, and any firearm or air gun at a firing range, a gun show, or supervised school or session for training in the use of firearms;
- The ceremonial presence of any unloaded weapon at a color guard ceremony;
- Any weapon under control of any certified law enforcement officer;
- Any weapon under the control of military personnel, while performing military duties or in a military capacity, assigned to the South Dakota National Guard or to the Reserve Officers Training Corps;
- Any otherwise lawful firearm held in a weapon storage facility operated by the institution or while such firearm is being transported to or from such a storage facility; or
- Storage of any otherwise lawful firearm inside a locked personal motor vehicle is permitted on university property.
- Chemicals used for academic or research purposes purchased in accordance of university policies.

**Procedures**

- Authorized weapons must be stored in a locked vehicle or surrendered to campus safety for secure storage upon entering campus. If the weapon is surrendered to campus safety, the individual will then be required to sign and abide by the Weapons Storage Agreement provided to them by Campus Safety. When removed from storage, the weapon must be locked in the individual's vehicle. It must never be taken to residence hall rooms or campus buildings.
- Any employee or student who becomes aware of a violation of this policy is required to immediately notify Campus Safety.
- Residence Life, or Supervisor. Employees who are bound legally not to release such information are excluded from the notification policy.
- Violation of this policy may result in immediate termination of employment or expulsion.

**Exception to the Policy**

- If it is necessary to bring a weapon not delineated in this policy on campus, approval from Campus Safety or designee must be obtained prior to bringing said weapon on campus.
- If approved, the supervisor of the person having the weapon on campus must follow the activities from start to finish.
- Campus Safety or designee will provide the information and plan for storage/use to the Vice President for Student Development and Dean of Students, Assistant Dean of Students and

Director of Residence Life, and Director of Facilities & Risk Management for informational purposes only.

SOURCE: Facilities & Risk Management Office, Revised November 2016 – Supersedes all previous versions

**BOR Policy 3.4 Section 2.3.6** Possession of firearms, stun guns, tasers, BB guns, switchblade knives, fixed blade knives with a length of five (5) inches or greater, or any item that is designed or used to injure or harm another person, fireworks, explosives, or dangerous chemicals on Institutional Premises or at Institutional events, except as explicitly permitted by Board Policy or as Institutional Policy.