



I. Policy Title:

University Weapons Policy

II. Policy Statement:

Alabama State University is dedicated to providing a safe educational and social environment, which is conducive to the safety of all members of the university. Therefore, no person shall keep, use, possess, display, or carry any firearm (rifle, shotgun, short-barreled rifle, short-barreled shotgun, handgun), or any dangerous or potentially dangerous items as defined in the weapons policy in the following documents: Alabama State University Faculty Handbook, Alabama State University Human Resources Manual, Alabama State University Student Handbook (The Pilot).

Exceptions: May be granted with the President's or his designee's (Director of Public Safety) permission for job-related, educational, and demonstrational purposes. The President's designation must be in writing and reviewed annually.

Only certified police officers performing their official duties may carry --openly or concealed-- a weapon on university grounds.

The weapons policy is applicable to any property owned, controlled, or leased by Alabama State University and its component units, unless allowed by law or approved by Alabama State University.

III. Scope of Policy:

Alabama State University Department of Public Safety seeks to maintain the integrity of a safe and secure campus where faculty, staff, students, and visitors freely pursue academic, social, and work-related activities. The provisions of this policy apply to all associated with Alabama State University as well as contractors, visitors, and guests.

The Alabama Legislature amended firearm codes and defined possession of firearms on college/university campuses by HB272 (March 2022).

IV. Effective Date: This policy is effective immediately and shall be considered as a part of all of the University's existing policy manuals.

V. Audience:

All university staff, faculty including academic and administrative personnel, students, visitors, contractors and vendors are required to follow this policy.

Faculty and Staff: Employee violations will be resolved in accordance with the Alabama State University Faculty Handbook and/or Alabama State University Human Resources Policies and Procedures Manual.

Students: Student violations will be resolved in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct as defined in The Pilot.

Visitors, contractors, vendors: Persons in these categories violating this policy will be immediately removed from campus as trespassers and not allowed to return to campus.

VI. Designated Responsibilities and Applicability of Weapons Policy:

ASU Department of Public Safety, Office of Student Affairs & Enrollment Management, the Office of Academic Affairs, the Office of Human Resources and the President's Office

VII. Policy Management:

Responsible Office(s): ASU Department of Public Safety and President's Office

Responsible Executive: Director of Public Safety, Chief of Staff, and President.

VIII. Definitions:

Weapon: Any object or substance designed to inflict a wound, cause an injury, incapacitate or cause death, including, without limitation:

- All firearms; loaded or unloaded, real or simulated.
- Bows and arrows.
- Chemicals.
- Devices designed to expel a projectile, such as an air gun, BB gun, pellet gun or potato gun.
- Knives with blades five inches or longer.
- Martial arts weapons.
- Swords.

Firearm: Rifle, shotgun, short-barreled rifle, short-barreled shotgun, handgun

IX. Procedures:

ASU students and employees are required to report violations and suspected violations of this policy to ASU PD by telephone at 334-229-4717. If the incident involves an immediate threat to life or property, dial 911.

Document History

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