

INSTITUTIONAL POLICY: PP-05

CATEGORY: Physical Plant

SUBJECT: Dangerous Weapons

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 1, 1997

LAST REVISION DATE: N/A

PP 05-1. Authority

- 1.1 WV Code §18B-1-6
- 1.2 WV CSR §133-4

PP 05-2. Introduction

The purpose of this policy is to provide for the safety and protection of the campus community. The presence of staff, students, and visitors on the campus of the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine is primarily for the purpose of educating the students, and the presence of dangerous weapons is distracting and detrimental to the maintenance of a safe educational environment. It is, therefore, the purpose of this policy to eliminate dangerous weapons from the campus and any property controlled by the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine so as to enhance the safety and welfare of all members of the campus community, in accord with the provisions of West Virginia Code Section 61-7-14.

PP 05-3. Conduct Prohibited

- 3.1 No person may possess or carry any firearm or other dangerous weapon upon the premises of the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, or upon those premises controlled by the School, unless such person is a law enforcement officer or he or she has the express, written permission of the President. This prohibition applies whether or not a person is licensed to carry a concealed deadly weapon in accordance with the provisions of state law.
- 3.2 Existence of this policy and the prohibition against carrying firearms or other dangerous weapons on the premises of the School will be published by posting of signs at the main entrances to the School and to the Robert C. Byrd Ambulatory Care Clinic, and at parking locations on the campus.
- 3.3 This policy will not apply to any member of the armed forces of the United States or of the State of West Virginia while such member is on duty and is carrying arms in a declared emergency which includes the premises owned or controlled by the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine.

PP 05-4. Definitions

- 4.1 Dangerous weapon. Definition includes, but is not limited to, knives other than folding pocket knives with blades three and one-half inches long or less, or those being used for food preparation; bladed weapons such as swords, razors or arrows; ammunition; explosives or explosive devices; nunchuka; and throwing devices with sharp or pointed edges. The term also expressly includes "deadly weapons" as that term is defined in West Virginia Code Section 61-7-2.
- 4.2 Firearm. Any weapon which will expel a projectile by action of an explosion, as stated in West Virginia Code Section 61-7-2.

PP 05-5. Sanctions

Violation of this policy will be grounds for discipline of the offender under the appropriate student or employee policy, including immediate suspension and/or prosecution under the appropriate state law, and imposition of penalties or sanctions up to and including suspension and termination or expulsion. Persons not authorized under the terms of this policy who are found to be in violation of this policy will be considered trespassers and will be asked to leave the premises.