

SUBJECT: Weapons on University Property and at University Events	Effective Date: 1/21/2014	Policy Number: 3-119.1	
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	Responsible Authority: Vice President and General Counsel		

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PREAMBLE

The University of Central Florida desires to maintain a safe environment for all of its students, faculty members, staff members, contractors, and visitors. This policy seeks to reduce the risk of injury or death associated with the intentional or accidental use of weapons.

APPLICABILITY/ACCOUNTABILITY

This policy applies to all individuals who come onto property owned or controlled by the University of Central Florida or who attend events sponsored or hosted by the University of Central Florida, with exceptions as noted in the Procedures section below.

POLICY STATEMENT

The University of Central Florida prohibits the possession, use, or storage of weapons on property owned or controlled by the University of Central Florida, including in a university vehicle, on one's person, or in one's office or residence hall. Additionally, the University of Central Florida prohibits the possession, use, or storage of weapons at events sponsored or hosted by the University of Central Florida, except as outlined in this policy.

DEFINITIONS

Weapon. A thing designed or intended or which may reasonably be used for inflicting bodily harm. The term “weapon” includes firearms, swords, knives, incendiary devices, chemical devices, or missiles. The term “weapon” includes any object legally controlled as a weapon or treated as a weapon under the laws of the jurisdiction in which the university owned or controlled property is located.

Firearm. Any weapon (including a starter gun) which will, is designed to, or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; the frame or receiver of any such weapon; any firearm muffler or silencer; any destructive device; or any machine gun.

PROCEDURES

All individuals who come onto property owned or controlled by the University of Central Florida or who attend events sponsored or hosted by the University of Central Florida are prohibited from possessing, using, or storing weapons at such property or events without the explicit authorization of the university, whether or not a federal or state license to possess the same has been issued to the possessor.

Exceptions. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the University of Central Florida permits the following:

1. A law enforcement officer may carry onto university property or into university events those weapons that his or her law enforcement agency requires to be carried.
2. Not prohibited under this policy are legitimate tools appropriately used in authorized work on campus.
3. ROTC programs may possess and display firearms and other weapons under limited conditions as approved by the campus authorities. For purposes of this exception, the ROTC program director shall consult with the chief of police and the vice president for Administration and Finance, or any other official designated by the president for these purposes. The ROTC program director shall provide prior notice to the appropriate university officials of each instance in which firearms or other weapons will be used on university property or at university events.
4. Non-functioning antique or simulated weapons may be used for classroom or other academic purposes with prior notice to and approval of the provost and executive vice president, and with notice to the UCF Police Department. Functioning weapons may

be used for instructional, research, or theatrical purposes where prior approval has been received from the provost and executive vice president (or his designee) and notice has been given to the chief of police.

5. Individuals may carry a self-defense chemical spray, which is a device carried solely for the purposes of lawful self-defense that is compact in size, designed to be carried on or about the person, and contains not more than two ounces of chemical.
6. Simulated weapons that are clearly identifiable (whether through design or decoration) to the casual observer as simulated are permitted for instructional or academic purposes.
7. Persons authorized by their employer, and duly licensed and legally permitted under the laws of Florida to possess weapons – such as employees of armored car services that collect or transport cash, checks, valuables, etc., – may do so on university property in the performance of those duties for which the weapon is authorized by their employer.
8. An adult may possess a lawfully concealed firearm or weapon within a private conveyance so long as the firearm or weapon is securely encased or otherwise not readily accessible for immediate use. See Florida Statutes section 790.25.

Any other exceptions to this policy must be approved in writing by the president, the vice president for Administration and Finance, the provost and executive vice president, or any other official designated by one of them, with notice to the UCF Police Department.

Enforcement. University employees or students found in violation of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action under the disciplinary procedures applicable to them. Visitors or contractors found in violation of this policy will be asked to remove the weapon from the property or to leave the property and may be trespassed from the university depending upon the circumstances.

CONTACTS

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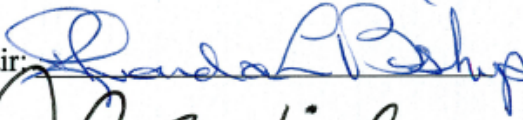
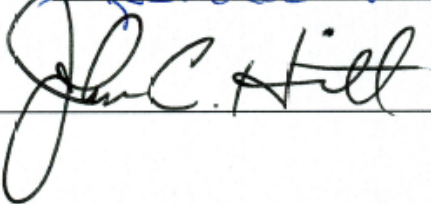
CITATIONS

Florida Statutes section 790.115

Florida Statutes section 790.251

INITIATING AUTHORITY

Vice President and General Counsel

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