



Policies and Procedures

11.19 / Weapons on University Property

(Takes Effect July 1, 2017)

Purpose:

It is the policy of the Kansas Board of Regents (hereinafter referred to as Board), to the extent permitted by law, to allow concealed carry of handguns and prohibit possession of other weapons and open carry of firearms on the University campus. This sets forth Wichita State University (hereinafter referred to as University) policy with regard to the presence of weapons on University property.

Preamble:

In view of the enactment of the Kansas Social and Family Protection Act, subsequent amendments and Board policy, the Board has directed each state University to develop and follow policies and procedures for the safe possession and storage of lawfully possessed handguns and determine whether and to what extent otherwise lawfully possessed concealed handguns will be prohibited in any university buildings or areas of buildings.

Policy Statement:

- A. Beginning July 1, 2017, any individual who is 21 years of age or older and who is lawfully eligible to carry a concealed handgun in Kansas shall not be precluded from doing so on the Wichita State University campus except in buildings and public areas of buildings for which adequate security measures are provided, as stated in this policy or Kansas Board of Regents' policy, and except as otherwise prohibited by law.
- B. There are no University buildings that have been designated as gun-free with permanent adequate security measures. The University may designate a specific location as temporarily gun-free, with appropriate signage, and use temporary adequate security measures after submission and approval by the Governance Committee of the Board. Appropriate notice will be given whenever this temporary designation is made.
- C. Each individual who lawfully possesses a handgun on campus shall be wholly and solely responsible for carrying, storing and using that handgun in a safe manner and in accordance with the law, Board policy and University policy. Nothing in this policy shall be interpreted to require individuals who lawfully possess a handgun to use it in defense of others.
- D. Possession of weapons, other than concealed handguns, anywhere on any campus location shall be prohibited. This includes the open carry of any weapon, including a handgun or handguns. Every entrance to each building and facility at any campus location shall be conspicuously posted with appropriate signs indicating that openly carrying a weapon into that building or facility is prohibited. Additional signs may be posted as appropriate.

Definitions:

1. Weapons, firearms, explosives and other ~~hazardous~~ objects or substances covered by this policy shall include, but ~~not~~ be limited to, the following:
 - (a) Any object or device which will, is designed ~~to~~ or may be readily converted to expel bullet, shot or shell ~~by~~ the action of an explosive or other propellant;
 - (b) any handgun, pistol, revolver, rifle, shotgun ~~or~~ other firearm of any nature, including those that are concealed ~~or~~ openly carried;
 - (c) any BB gun, pellet gun, air/C'02 gun, blow gun ~~or~~ any device, such as a Taser, which is designed to discharge electric darts ~~or~~ other similar projectiles; however, personal self-defense stun guns that ~~do not~~ fit with the preceding definition shall not be deemed to be a weapon for the purposes of this policy;
 - (d) any explosive, incendiary or poison gas ~~(A)~~ bomb, (B) mine, (C) ~~grenade~~ grenade, (D) rocket having a propellant charge of more than ~~four~~ ounces, or (E) missile ~~having~~ an explosive or incendiary charge of more than ¼ ounce;
 - (e) any incendiary or explosive material, liqui

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occurred. Any employee or student of the university who violates one or more