

CONCEALED WEAPONS

I. Policy Section

14.0 Risk Management

II. Policy Subsection

14.2

III. Date of most recent changes

December 6, 2001

IV. Policy Statement

In the interest of public safety for its employees, students, customers, visitors and the general public, the carrying of weapons, whether open or concealed is strictly prohibited on any College property. No person whether licensed or unlicensed shall carry firearms, or other weapons on College property as defined herein except as set forth in this policy.

Employees are strictly prohibited from carrying a concealed weapon on College property or while in the course of their employment for the College whether they are licensed or unlicensed as provided for under the Act.

The use of a firearm or weapon is strictly prohibited on any College property except for those areas specifically set aside and supervised at range facilities or as a part of educational process conducted by the College.

Exceptions

This policy does not apply to GRCC police officers or other law enforcement officers who are lawfully carrying weapons in the course of their duties as law enforcement officials.

Persons who are authorized to carry concealed weapons, except for employees who are prohibited from carrying concealed weapons by GRCC, are subject to the limitations set forth in this policy in accordance with the Act.

Statutory provisions:

The statute permits employers to bar their employees whether licensed or unlicensed from carrying concealed weapons on employer property or in the course of their employment.

Persons who are licensed under the state statute to carry a concealed pistol are required by law to carry his/her concealed weapons license at any time he/she is carrying a concealed weapon. A licensed person is required to show to a peace officer upon request both his/her license to carry a concealed pistol and their driver license or Michigan personal identification card.

Limitations

State law prohibits a licensed individual from carrying a concealed weapon on the College premises under any of the following circumstances: while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance; or in a dormitory, classroom, day care center, sports arena or stadium, entertainment facility that has a seating capacity of 2500 or more; or a dining room, bar or restaurant licensed under the Michigan Liquor Control Code. Persons who violate this provision are subject to both criminal and civil sanctions.

V. Reason for Policy

To prohibit the possession or use of weapons or explosive devices on College property, as defined herein, for the safety of its employees, students, customers and the general public.

VI. Entities Affected by This Policy

Staff, students, vendors, visitors to the campus and the general public

VII. Who Should Read This Policy

All staff and students

VIII. Related Documents

IX. Contacts

Campus Police Chief

X. Definitions

“College property” includes but is not limited to property owned, operated, managed, licensed to or leased by the College.

“Weapons” means any type of firearm, knife, dagger, dirk, stiletto, a double-edged non-folding stabbing instrument, brass knuckles, any other type of instrument which could be used as a weapon and any type of explosive, chemicals or objects or instruments possessed for use of fighting or attacking.

“Official purpose” means GRCC police officers, or other law enforcement officers from city, county, state or federal law enforcement while performing duties or services for the College or in the course of their employment as law enforcement personnel.

XI. Procedures

Violations of policy:

Employees or students who violate this policy may be subject to corrective action up to and including termination of employment or expulsion from the College where applicable. Additionally, violators of this policy may also be subject to civil or criminal sanctions as provided for by law. Visitors, customers or the general public, who violate its policy, will be subject to criminal sanctions and/or removal from College property by GRCC police officers. Persons who are licensed to carry concealed weapons who violate the provisions of this policy are subject to criminal and civil sanctions as provided by laws.

How should staff handle a situation where they see someone with a gun?

They should immediately contact the Campus Police at extension 4010 and advise them of what they have seen. The dispatcher will ask the caller to provide him/her with a clothing description of the person they suspect. They will be asked for the last place they saw the individual and whether this person was walking, getting into a car, etc. If the person is walking, the dispatcher will want to know what direction they were moving in. If they were in a vehicle and on the street, the dispatcher will ask the same thing, what direction were they traveling?

XII. Forms