



## Weapons

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### Policy Statement

The possession of firearms, fireworks, explosives, or weapons of any kind and replicas or facsimiles thereof is prohibited on UVM property and facilities-- including residence halls, grounds, leased spaces, and personal vehicles in UVM parking lots--as they pose a substantial danger to the safety of all residents. Exceptions may be made with permission from the Chief of Police or designee for academic or other legitimate purposes. Certified Law Enforcement Officers may wear a firearm while on campus in accordance with appropriate federal, state, local law and their department policy, rules and regulations.

### Reason for the Policy

This policy helps advance the safety of the campus community and comply with applicable laws and regulations.

### Strategic Direction

This policy supports the following goal in the University's Strategic Plan([http://www.uvm.edu/president/?Page=strategicplan2009\\_2013.html](http://www.uvm.edu/president/?Page=strategicplan2009_2013.html)):

- *Diversity*: Build a diverse and globally aware university community sustained by an inclusive, supportive, and just campus climate.
- *Institutional Efficacy*: As an institution, model the highest standard of ethical conduct, accountability and best practice, public service, and strong commitment to lifelong learning.

### Applicability of the Policy

This policy applies to all University of Vermont faculty, staff, students, visitors, and guests.

### Policy Elaboration

None

## **Definitions**

None

## **Procedures**

Requests for exception must be made in writing to the Chief of Police and contain:

1. Name and contact information of person(s) requesting exception.
2. Detailed reason for request.
3. Exact description of firearms, fireworks, explosives, weapons, replicas or facsimiles under consideration.
4. Location where such items will be present, for how long, and what security measures will be taken to ensure safety.

All decisions are final.

## **Forms**

None

## **Contacts**

Questions related to the daily operational interpretation of this policy should be directed to:

Chief of Police  
656-3473 or 656-2027  
(for permission to have a firearm on campus)

The Vice President for Finance and Administration is the official responsible for the interpretation and administration of this policy.

## **Related Documents/Policies**

None

## **Effective Date**

Approved by the President on May 19, 2010