



OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE SERVICES  
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## POLICY

### Title: Weapons

#### Policy Statement

The possession of weapons, as further defined herein, as well as 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 the University community. The use of implements or substances not commonly used as a weapon may be a violation of this policy if used as a weapon. The use of a chemical irritant (e.g., pepper spray) will not be a violation of this policy if used solely for self-defense. 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 or other weapon 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.

#### Applicability of the Policy

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

#### Definitions

<i>Weapons</i>	any object or substance designed or used to inflict a wound, cause injury, or incapacitate, including but not limited to all firearms, pellet guns, air pistols, air rifles, any dirk, bowie knife, switchblade knife, ballistic knife, or any other knife having a blade of three or more inches, black jacks, metal knuckles, nunchaku, fireworks, explosives and biological agents.
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#### 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 weapon(s) 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.

## Contacts

Questions concerning the daily operational interpretation of this policy should be directed to the following (in accordance with the policy elaboration and procedures):	
Title(s)/Department(s):	Contact Information:
Chief of Police (for permission to have a firearm on campus)	(802) 656-3473 or (802) 656-2027

## Forms/Flowcharts/Diagrams

- None

## Related Documents/Policies

- None

## Regulatory References/Citations

- None

## Training/Education

Training will be provided on an as-needed basis as determined by the Approval Authority or the Responsible Official.

## About this Policy

<b>Responsible Official:</b>	Chief Safety and Compliance Officer	<b>Approval Authority:</b>	President
<b>Policy Number:</b>	V. 3.19.4	<b>Effective Date:</b>	January 28, 2020
<b>Revision History:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• V. 4.1.6.1 Approved September 6, 2006</li> <li>• V. 4.1.6.2 Approved May 19, 2010</li> <li>• V. 5.27.3/V. 3.19.3 effective May 20, 2016</li> <li>• Responsible official officially changed from the Vice President for University Relations and Administration to the Vice President for Operations and Public Safety (VPOPS) on October 1, 2019. Title of VPOPS changed to Chief Safety and Compliance Officer July 2022.</li> </ul>		

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