Weapons and Explosives

Policy Statement

The possession of firearms, fireworks, explosives, incendiary devices 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.

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
(802) 656-3473 or (802) 656-2027
(for permission to have a firearm on campus)

The Vice President for Operations and Public Safety is the official responsible for the interpretation and administration of this policy.

**Related Documents/Policies/Resources**

None

**Effective Date**

Approved by the President May 7, 2016