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SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

POLICY

WEAPONS ON CAMPUS

Reference:

Minnesota State law (Minnesota Statue 624.714) Carrying of weapons without permit; penalties.

Policy:

No student shall carry or possess any prohibited weapon on or about his or her person whether visible or concealed in or on Southwest Minnesota State University owned or leased buildings, grounds, and other facilities, with the exception of firearms possessed or carried in parking areas. No employee acting within the scope of their employment with the University, including student employees and employees of organizations utilizing University facilities, shall carry or possess any prohibited weapon on or about his or her person whether visible or concealed in or on Southwest Minnesota State University owned or leased buildings, grounds, and other facilities with the exception of firearms possessed or carried in parking areas. No other individual shall carry or possess any prohibited weapon, except firearms, on or about his or her person whether visible or concealed in or on Southwest Minnesota State University owned or leased buildings, grounds, and other facilities. No vehicle owned, leased, or otherwise under the control of the University shall be used to store or carry a firearm.

Definitions:

For the purpose of this policy a weapon is defined as any instrument, article, or substance, which is specifically designed for and presently capable of causing death, incapacitation, or serious physical injury. This includes but is not limited to firearms, replicate firearms, as defined in Minn. Statute 609.713, firearms ammunition, explosive devices (both incendiary and chemical), fireworks, knives having a blade that swings into position by force of a spring or centrifugal force (commonly known as switch blades) and knives (other than pocket knives) with blades longer than three and one-half inches, metal knuckles, straight razors, blackjacks, saps, sap gloves, koshers, bludgeons, martial arts stars, and weapons of the type known as nunchakus.

Procedures:

Anyone who observes someone violating this policy must immediately report the incident to University Public Safety by dialing 7252. If there is any appearance or threat of imminent harm of any type, contact local law enforcement (911) prior to contacting University Public Safety.

Sanctions:

Violation of this policy by University students, faculty and staff will be considered as misconduct subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal, and/or other sanctions in accordance with federal, state, local, MnSCU, and/or University laws, regulations, policies, and/or procedures. Violation of this policy by members of the public shall result in ejection from the property and/or confiscation of the weapon or dangerous instrument carried or possessed. The University also reserves the right to refer any violation of this policy to appropriate law enforcement agencies to investigate for possible violation of applicable laws.