

University of Maine at Farmington

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Weapons Policy

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Policy Statement

The University of Maine at Farmington Department of Public Safety/Campus Police is committed to protecting the health and safety of all members of the University community in its operations and activities. In order to ensure a safe environment, the University of Maine at Farmington prohibits the wearing, transporting, storage, or presence of firearms, ammunition or other dangerous weapons on all property owned by the university. All duly sworn law enforcement personnel engaged in official duties or military personnel engaged in military activities sponsored by the federal or state government are exempt from this policy.

Definition

A weapon is a firearm or other weapon, device, instrument, material or substance which is capable of producing death or serious bodily injury. This may include, but is not limited to devices from which a projectile (e.g., arrow, ball, bullet, missile, pellet, shell, or other material) may be fired, certain knives (e.g. 4" blade or longer, switch blades, etc.), brass knuckles, martial arts weapons and objects used as clubs (e.g. batons, asps, etc.) that pose reasonable risk of injury.

Implementation

All violations of this policy need to be reported to the UMF Department of Public Safety/Campus Police immediately. Any employee in possession of a firearm, ammunition or other dangerous weapons while on university owned property or while otherwise fulfilling his or her job responsibilities, may face disciplinary action up to and including dismissal. Any visitor violating this policy shall be subject to the application of the criminal trespass provisions and/or the enforcement of the dangerous weapons laws of the State of Maine. The "Constitutional Concealed Carry Law" (Maine Public Law 2015, Chapter 327 (LD 652)) and the possession of a valid concealed weapons permit authorized by the State of Maine <u>are not</u> exemptions under this policy.

Any student or employee residing in the residence halls who wishes to bring hunting rifles or shotguns on campus need to coordinate with the Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police before doing so. All hunting rifles or shotguns will be securely stored at the Public Safety office and signed out on the day the individual wishes to use the firearm for hunting. When the individual is done hunting for the day, he or she will coordinate with the campus police to secure the firearm immediately upon arriving back to campus.

Any questions or concerns regarding this policy can be directed to the Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police at <u>brock.caton@maine.edu</u> or by calling the UMF Department of Public Safety/Campus Police at (207)778-7400.