

# WEAPONS POLICY

## **POLICY**

The possession or carrying of any weapon by any person is prohibited in academic buildings, administrative buildings, student residence buildings, dining facilities, recreational facilities, student centers, or while attending a sporting, entertainment, recreational or educational event on the university's property. Entry into these buildings, in violation of this prohibition, will result in the individual being directed to remove the weapon immediately from University property.

## **PROCEDURES**

**Definition of Weapon:** For purposes of this policy a weapon includes, but is not limited to, any firearm, shotgun, rifle, knife, cutting instrument, bow, nunchaku, BB gun, paintball gun, and any other tool, instrument or implement capable of inflicting serious bodily injury.

**Authorized Exceptions:** Certified and sworn police officers employed by the University Police Department and sworn and certified municipal, state, federal police officers who carry proper identification or U.S. military personnel in the performance of their duties are exempt from this policy. Current employees of the University, and authorized contractors, utilizing tools or other field/office instruments in the performance of their duties are also exempt from this policy.

**Notification of Use of Replica or Prop Weapons:** Due to the risk of being identified as a real weapon, any item which looks like a weapon and is used for any purpose on University property must be reported to and approved by the University Police Department prior to use in any activity. Examples of such activities include official ROTC military exercises, color guard, intercollegiate athletics, class instruction or presentations, dramatic plays, and similar artistic events.

## **SANCTIONS**

Violation of this policy will result in the individual being directed to remove the weapon immediately from University property. Failure to comply with such directive may result in further disciplinary action for students or employees.

## **RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

Slippery Rock University Police

## **SCOPE OF POLICY COVERAGE**

This policy applies to all students, faculty, staff and visitors to the University.

## **Authority for creation and revision:**

The Chancellor and the respective University Presidents are responsible under Act 188 of 1982 to provide a safe and secure educational environment and are authorized to establish policies governing the use of University facilities and property.

*Approved by the University Cabinet: August 12, 2012*

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