

Possession of Firearms and Weapons

PS-03

About This Policy

Effective Dates:

05-08-2013

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05-08-2013

Responsible University Administrator:

Executive Vice President for University Academic Affairs; Vice President for Capital Projects and Facilities

Policy Contact:

Superintendent of Public Safety

Scope

All Indiana University property.

Policy Statement

Possession of a firearm on Indiana University property is prohibited. The prohibition applies regardless of any permit to carry a firearm. The prohibition does not apply to law enforcement officers authorized to possess a firearm, either on or off duty, by the employing law enforcement agency. In rare cases, an exception to this policy may be granted for academic or research purposes. Such exception must be made by prior written authorization from the Superintendent of Public Safety and the campus police chief and the campus chancellor or provost.

Possession of a dangerous article or substance as a potential weapon is also prohibited. Such dangerous articles for the purposes of this policy include, but are not limited to: tasers, electronic stun weapons, stun guns, explosives such as bombs, grenades, blasting caps, and ammunition, as well as other equipment, material, and devices (e.g. knives, metal knuckles, tear gas, chemical substances) that could be or have been used to cause harm or the fear of harm.

Reason For Policy

The safety of Indiana University students and employees, as well as the safety of visitors, is the highest priority of the university administration and Board of Trustees. The prohibition of unauthorized firearms on university property reduces risk and supports a safe climate for the pursuit of the university's academic mission and its role in serving communities around the state.

Definitions

Firearm - means a gun, whether loaded or unloaded, that discharges shot or a projectile by means of an explosive, a gas or compressed air.

Indiana University Property – Buildings, grounds, and land that are owned by Indiana University or controlled by Indiana University, via leases or other contractual arrangements.

Sanctions

Any violations of this policy by members of the Indiana University community (faculty, staff, academic staff, students, or volunteers) will be dealt with in accordance with applicable university policies and procedures, which may include disciplinary actions up to and including termination from the university.

Violations of this policy by anyone not a member of the Indiana University community will result in removal from Indiana University property. Legal prohibitions regarding physical presence on campus/trespassing may also be pursued.

Suspected violations of law will be referred to law enforcement and may result in criminal penalties.

Additional Contacts

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| Superintendent of Public Safety | Benjamin Hunter | 812-855-4296 | bdhunter@iu.edu |
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History

This policy, approved in 2013, reflects existing university policies, campus policies, university codes, and university practice.

Related Information

[Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct](#)
[Code of Academic Ethics](#)
[Indiana Statute: IC 21-39-2-2](#)
[Indiana Statute: IC 34-28-7-2\(b\)](#)