

Andrews University

Office of Campus Safety

3. Security Section

3.3. Campus Weapons Policy

3.3.1. Administration

- 3.3.1.1. This policy was adopted by the Campus Safety Committee on 02/09/16 and is administered by the Office of Campus Safety. The policy is for public dissemination.
- 3.3.1.2. This policy applies to the all campus property, affecting employees, students and any non-employee/student who accesses University owned private property.
- 3.3.1.3. Violations of this policy will be reported to the Office having jurisdiction over the individual; Student Life for students, Office of Human Resources for employees, Office of Campus Safety for community members.
- 3.3.1.4. Variances to this policy may be made by either the President, Provost, Vice President for Financial Administration, or the Vice President for Student and Campus Life.

3.3.2. Purpose

Andrews University seeks to provide a safe learning and working environment for all individuals on campus. By prohibiting weapons and weapon facsimiles on property, the University intends to reduce the possibility of injury and to prevent the occurrence of false weapons reports.

3.3.3. Definitions

Specific terms in this policy are defined as follows:

- 3.3.3.1. University Business: Any task, procedure, operation, etc. required of the employee as it pertains to their approved job function. This includes work that does not provide compensation but is supervised/sponsored by a University employee.
- 3.3.3.2. University Property: University property includes all land, buildings, and vehicles owned by Andrews University.
- 3.3.3.3. Weapon: Any device with which injury, death, or destruction may be inflicted, which may include but is not limited to:
 - 3.3.3.3.1. Edged Weapons:
 - Folding knives with a blade over three inches.

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- Pocket knives which can be opened by the flick of a button, pressure on a handle or other mechanical contrivance.
 - Fixed blades carried on a person outside of a work related or school sponsored function.
 - Dagger, dirk, stiletto, double edged non folding stabbing instrument.
 - Does not include utility/razor blades or scalpels used in academic functions.
- 3.3.3.3.2. Firearms: rifles, shotguns, pistols, or other weapon capable of firing a projectile.
- 3.3.3.3.3. Flammable/Combustible/Explosive Material: Any substance possessed or used for the intent of causing bodily harm or destruction of property.
- 3.3.3.3.4. Impact/Blunt Force Weapons: Blackjack, baton (fixed or friction locked), slungshot, billy, metallic knuckles, sand club, sand bag, or bludgeon.
- 3.3.3.3.5. Portable device directing electrical current, impulse, wave, or beam: Stun guns, Tazers®.
- 3.3.3.3.6. Self-Defense Sprays/Foams: Any device capable of carrying and ejects, releases, or emits one of the following:
- More than 35 grams of any combination of orthochlorobenzalmalononitrile and inert ingredients. (Commonly referred to as tear gas or Mace®)
 - A solution containing more than 10% oleoresin capsicum (commonly referred to as pepper spray).
- 3.3.3.3.7. Other weapons or facsimile: Paintball guns, BB guns, pellet guns, bow and arrows, “air-soft” guns, look-alike firearms, or martial arts weapons.

3.3.4. Policy Procedures

The following procedures will be followed to comply with this policy.

- 3.3.4.1. Weapons are prohibited on University property.
- 3.3.4.2. If an employee or student is found in possession of any weapon on property, the weapon will be removed from property and the owner will be directed to the Office having jurisdiction for any applicable corrective action.

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- 3.3.4.3. If a non-student or non-employee is found in possession of any weapon on property, the weapon and the owner will be escorted off property immediately.
- 3.3.4.4. Possession of any weapon on University property by a non-employee/student may also result in a campus ban.
- 3.3.4.5. The use or brandishing of a weapon on property will result in law enforcement response.
- 3.3.4.6. The use of a weapon or weapon facsimile for academic purposes requires approval from one of the following: President, Provost, or Vice President for Financial Administration. Academic purposes can include theatrical events or art projects.
- 3.3.4.7. The restriction of weapons does not apply to:
 - 3.3.4.7.1. Culinary or yard maintenance equipment designed for personal use.
 - 3.3.4.7.2. Individuals conducting non-academic University business (such as culinary knives in Dining Services or edged tools used for agriculture).
 - 3.3.4.7.3. Individuals hunting on University owned property (Benson's Property) under the Michigan DNR's Hunter Access Program.
 - 3.3.4.7.4. Duly sworn and employed law enforcement officers.

3.3.5. **Policy Resources/Statutes**

The following resources were used in the development of this policy:

- Andrews University Student Handbook
- Michigan Penal Code

3.3.6. **Policy Revision/Modification**

The following revisions/modifications were made to this policy:

03/13/18 - Clarified definition of weapon and combined policy with Student code of conduct for campus wide policy.