



<b>SUBJECT:</b> WEAPONS ON UNIVERSITY PROPERTY	<b>Effective Date:</b> 8-18-08	<b>Policy Number:</b> 1.7	
	<b>Amended:</b> 10-4-11; 1-14-14		
	<b>Supersedes:</b> Presidential Memorandum #66	<b>Page</b> 1	<b>Of</b> 3
	<b>Responsible Authority:</b> Chief of Police		

**APPLICABILITY:**

This policy is applicable to all members of the University community, including all students, faculty, staff and all visitors, contractors and guests to the University or any of its campuses, facilities or events.

**POLICY:**

As an institution of higher education, Florida Atlantic University is committed to providing an environment free of the fear of violence. Weapons are incompatible with the learning environment and inappropriate in the academic setting. The University prohibits the use, storage and possession of weapons, with limited exceptions, to help ensure a safe and secure living and learning environment.

In accordance with Sections 790.115 and 790.251, Florida Statutes, persons other than law enforcement officers are prohibited from possessing firearms and weapons on school campuses. This prohibition includes all weapons other than ordinary pocket knives, legitimate tools needed to complete work on campus, and other limited exceptions defined in this policy. This prohibition includes firearms or weapons located anywhere on a University campus or facility or University event, including on one’s person, in a motor vehicle (other than as permitted by Section 790.25(5)), in an office, or in a residence hall or on-campus apartment.

The use and possession of weapons on any University campus or facility and at all University events are governed by the following guidelines:

- (a) Possession of firearms and weapons are prohibited to all persons except law enforcement officers.
- (b) ROTC cadets, under the direct supervision of ROTC cadre may possess firearms that have the firing pin removed in the course of their training or duties.
- (c) Antique weapons may be used for classroom instructional purposes with the approval of the Provost and notification of the Chief of Police.

## **DEFINITIONS:**

*Weapons:* Any firearm, sword, sword cane, dirk, knife, metallic knuckles, slungshot, billie, traditional martial arts weapons (such as throwing stars), tear gas gun, chemical weapon or device, electric conductive device (either contact or dart-firing), destructive device (i.e., bombs), or other deadly weapon except a common pocketknife, plastic knife, blunt-bladed table knife, kitchen knives in designated food preparation areas, or pocket-size self-defense chemical spray of not more than two ounces.

*Firearm:* Any weapon (including a starter gun) which will, is designed to, or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; the frame or receiver of any such weapon; any firearm muffler or firearm silencer; any destructive device; or any machine gun. The term "firearm" does not include an antique firearm unless the antique firearm is used in the commission of a crime.

*Law enforcement officers:* (a) All officers or employees of the United States or the State of Florida, or any agency, commission, department, board, division, municipality, or subdivision thereof, who have authority to make arrests; (b) officers or employees of the United States or the State of Florida, or any agency, commission, department, board, division, municipality, or subdivision thereof, duly authorized as a condition of employment to carry a concealed weapon; (c) members of the Armed Forces of the United States, the organized reserves, state militia, or Florida National Guard, when on duty, when preparing themselves for, or going to or from, military duty, or under orders; (d) an employee of the state prisons or correctional systems who has been so designated by the Department of Corrections or by a warden of an institution; (e) all peace officers; and (f) all state attorneys and United States attorneys and their respective assistants and investigators.

## **PROCEDURES:**

Any exceptions to this policy must be approved in writing by the Chief of Police. Any weapons or firearms found on a University campus or facility or at a University event will be confiscated by the University Police.

Violations of this policy will subject the individual not only to University sanctions but also potential criminal prosecution by appropriate authorities. Specific sanctions for faculty, administration, staff, and students are administered under the auspices of the following: (i) for faculty: The Office of Academic Affairs; (ii) for administrations and staff: The Office of Human Resources; and (iii) for students: The Office of the Dean of Student Affairs.

**INITIATING AUTHORITY:** Chief of Police

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POLICY APPROVAL  
(For use by the Office of the President)

Policy Number:   1.7  

*Initiating Authority*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Policies and Procedures*

*Review Committee Chair*

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*President*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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