Policy Name: Weapons Policy

Approving Body and Date: Board of Regents
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Purpose: Weapons Policy

Policy: It is the intention of Western New Mexico University to provide a safe and harmonious setting where students, faculty and staff can work without fear or threat of bodily harm.

The sale, possession, transfer, or use of any weapon(s) on University premises or during University programs, except in officer training programs conducted under the auspices of the United States Armed Forces, state or local government law enforcement agencies or by officers thereof or as otherwise permitted by law, is prohibited. Any student or employee who violates this policy is subject to disciplinary action.

1. “Weapons,” as used in this policy, include, but are not limited to, firearms, knives, other than pocket knives not exceeding 4” in length when folded and kitchen utility knives not exceeding 7” in total length, clubs, explosives, spiked wrist bands, chains, brass knuckles, or other items that may cause or be used for the purpose of causing intimidation, injury, or death.

2. “University Premises” as used in this policy means any University campus, University building, University property, University-owned vehicle or University-approved vehicle used to transport students to and from University activities.

3. “University Programs” as used in this policy means any University-sponsored or approved activity, event, or function, on or off University premises at which University-related or University-sanctioned activities are held or University business is performed.

All persons with weapon(s) shall enter campus at the closet point to the Campus Police Department and deposit all prohibited materials at that office for the duration of their stay. This policy shall be enforced in conformance with applicable state and federal laws.
Any student or employee who has knowledge that another person has a weapon on campus in violation of this policy has a duty to report the situation to the Campus Police. The failure to report a violation of the Weapons Policy is serious misconduct and is grounds for disciplinary action. Any student or employee who assists any person in violating this policy will be subject to disciplinary action.