



## **BOARD OF REGENTS POLICY: *Possession and Carrying of Weapons***

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### **SECTION I. POLICY STATEMENT.**

The Board of Regents (Board) is charged with the constitutional responsibility to adopt laws and policies for the governance of the University of Minnesota (University). In order to achieve the University's teaching, research, and public service missions, the Board considers it essential that all persons feel safe and be free from violence, threats, and intimidation when on University property or attending University functions and events. Accordingly, the Board hereby regulates the possession and carrying of weapons by members of the University community and by others when on University property.

### **SECTION II. DEFINITIONS.**

#### **Subd. 1. University Property.**

*University property* means all real property, buildings, and facilities under the primary control of the University through ownership, lease, or other means. This includes all public or private locations, arenas, stadiums, and halls that the University has leased for University events, including, but not limited to, academic and administrative meetings, intercollegiate and intramural sporting events, and student, faculty, and staff activities. University property also includes all places of residence owned by the University in which students reside.

#### **Subd. 2. Employee.**

*Employee* means any individual employed by the University, including a student employee, when acting within the course and scope of employment.

#### **Subd. 3. Weapon.**

*Weapon* means a firearm or a dangerous weapon as defined by Minnesota law.

#### **Subd. 4. Firearm.**

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

#### **Subd. 5. Student.**

*Student* means an individual taking one or more University courses or classes, credit or noncredit, or participating in any program administered in part or wholly by the University.

**Subd. 6. Visitor.**

*Visitor* means any person who is on University property, except an employee or a student.

**SECTION III. POSSESSION OR CARRYING OF WEAPONS.**

No person, whether a student, employee, or visitor, shall possess or carry a weapon while on University property, except as authorized in Section IV of this policy.

**SECTION IV. AUTHORIZED POSSESSION OR CARRYING OF WEAPONS.**

This policy authorizes the possession or carrying of weapons on University property under the following circumstances:

**Subd. 1. Law Enforcement and Military Personnel.**

Licensed peace officers, security guards, other law enforcement agents, and military personnel may possess or carry weapons on University property when acting in the course of their official duties and when authorized by law to carry weapons.

**Subd. 2. Military Training.**

Students, employees, and visitors participating in military training may possess or carry weapons on University property when acting in the course of their official duties or performing duly assigned tasks involving weapons.

**Subd. 3. Presidential Approval.**

The president or delegate may in writing permit or revoke permission for the otherwise lawful possession or carrying of a weapon on University property. This may include possession or carrying of a weapon for an academic use, use of a firearm at a campus shooting range, otherwise lawful storage of a weapon on residential property not operated as a residence hall, or any other possession or carrying of a weapon on University property.

**Subd. 4. Storage of a Firearm.**

Otherwise lawful storage of a firearm inside a personal motor vehicle is permitted on University property.

**SECTION V. VIOLATIONS.**

**Subd. 1. Student.**

Violation of this policy by a student is a violation of, and will be adjudicated in accordance with, Board of Regents Policy: *Student Conduct Code*.

**Subd. 2. Employees.**

Violation of this policy by an employee constitutes misconduct subject to University discipline up to and including termination.

**Subd. 3. Visitor.**

Violation of this policy by a visitor shall result in a request to leave the University property, function, or event, as the case may be, and also may result in a written directive to remain off University property.

**Subd. 4. Referral to Law Enforcement Agencies.**

The University may refer related suspected violations of law to appropriate law enforcement authorities and provide access to investigative and other data as permitted by law.

## REVISION HISTORY

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