



11.06.00 Concealed Carry and Firearms

Division: **Campus Police**

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Purpose

The College is committed to establishing a safe learning and working environment for its students, faculty and staff within the parameters of existing state and federal legislation. The purpose of this policy is to clarify restrictions on the carrying of firearms on College property, pursuant to the enactment of the Illinois Firearm Concealed Carry Act (Act), [430 ILCS 66/65.]

Definitions

Firearm: means a loaded or unloaded handgun or rifle or any device which is designed to expel a projectile or projectiles by the means of an explosion, expansion of gas, or escape of gas. For purposes of this policy, firearms shall also include paintball guns, BB guns and replica or simulated guns.

College Property: means any property owned, rented or leased by Illinois Community College District 525, including College owned or rented or leased vehicles, buildings, parking lots and exterior or natural areas.

Policy

This policy applies to all College students, employees or visitors while on College property. The possession of any firearm is prohibited on College property or at College sponsored events, except as provided in this policy.

No individual licensed for concealed carry under the Act shall knowingly carry a firearm on or into “any building, classroom, laboratory, medical clinic, hospital, artistic venue, athletic venue, entertainment venue, officially recognized university-related organization property, whether owned or leased, and any real property, including parking areas, sidewalks, and common areas under the control of a public or private community college, college, or university. [430 ILCS 66/65(a)(15)”

Exemptions

The carrying or use of a firearm will be permitted in the following circumstances only:

1. In the course of instruction of officially recognized programs or class presentations, including but

- not limited to the Criminal Justice Program or when any other program or activity is approved by the Board of Trustees (Board.)
2. When the firearm is carried by current or retired peace officers, eligible under a federally approved retired officer concealed carry program or the Illinois Retired Officers Concealed Carry Program (IROCC) or the Illinois Firearm Concealed Carry Act (430 ILCS 66/65), or any other exception as deemed necessary by the Chief of Police. Individuals who qualify to carry a firearm onto campus under this exemption are required to register with Campus Police each semester.
 3. A concealed firearm (handgun only) may be stored within a personally owned vehicle in parking areas on campus only if all of the following conditions are met:
 - a. The individual has a valid concealed carry permit;
 - b. The firearm and its ammunition are concealed in a case or compartment within the locked vehicle or the trunk of the vehicle out of plain view. A firearm may only be removed from the vehicle for the limited purpose of storing or retrieving the firearm within the vehicle's trunk if it is completely enclosed in a firearm carrying box, shipping box or other container and may not be moved beyond the immediate proximity of the vehicle; and
 - c. Subject to any changes in state or federal statute as may occur from time to time.

Signage

The College shall post signage when practical, at all roadways leading onto College property. Such signage shall indicate either through verbiage or a drawing of a pistol inside a red circle with a slash, or both, that firearms are not permitted on the property. Each sign, in addition to any other language or logos, must contain a 4" x 6" version of the no firearms symbol as designated by the Illinois State Police. A similar 4" x 6" sign shall be placed on doors at every public entrance to the College buildings.

Mandated Reporting

The President of the College, Chief of Police, or designee shall report to the Illinois State Police, the name of any student or employee who is determined to present a "clear and present danger" to themselves or others, within 24 hours of that determination.

The term "clear and present danger" has the same meaning as in Section 105 of the Act, as amended. Accordingly "clear and present danger" means a person who:

1. Communicates a serious threat of physical violence against a reasonably identifiable victim or poses a clear and imminent risk of serious physical injury to himself, herself, or another person as determined by a physician, clinical psychologist, or qualified examiner; or
2. Demonstrates threatening physical or verbal behavior, such as violent, suicidal, or assaultive threats, actions, or other behavior, as determined by a physician, clinical psychologist, qualified examiner, school administrator, or law enforcement official.

Enforcement

Any individual visiting or conducting business on the property of the College found to be carrying or have carried a weapon or firearm onto the property of the College knowingly in violation of the Act and/or this Policy, or under circumstances in which the person should have known that they were in possession of a weapon or firearm, may be banned from the College campus.

Any student found to be carrying or have carried a weapon or firearm onto the property of the College knowingly in violation of the Act and/or this Policy, or found to be carrying or have carried

a weapon under circumstances in which the student should have known that they were in possession of a weapon or firearm, may be subject to discipline up to and including, but not limited to, expulsion from the College.

Any employee found to be carrying or have carried a weapon or firearm onto the property of the College knowingly in violation of the Act and/or this Policy, or be carrying or have carried a weapon or firearm under circumstances in which the employee should have known that they were in possession of a weapon or firearm, may be subject to discipline up to and including, but not limited to, immediate termination of employment, subject to such other employment rules or regulations in place.

Any individual found to be carrying or have carried a weapon or firearm onto the property of the College knowingly in violation of the Act and/or this Policy, or found to be carrying or have carried a weapon or firearm under circumstances in which the individual should have known that they were in possession of a weapon or firearm, may be subject to administrative action by the College and possible arrest and prosecution. Violations of this Policy may result in referrals to external law enforcement agencies.

Related Institutional Procedures: