



Firearms and Weapons Policy

Firearms and other weapons are not permitted—concealed or not concealed, with or without a concealed-weapon permit—on property owned or controlled by the university, including on-campus housing, without specific written permission from the managing director of BYU Police and BYU Security. Law enforcement officers, security officers, and ROTC members authorized by this policy to carry a firearm or other weapon on campus do not need specific written permission.

Definitions

Firearm means a pistol, revolver, shotgun, short-barreled shotgun, rifle or short-barreled rifle, or a device that could be used as a weapon from which is expelled a projectile by action of an explosive.

Weapon means a firearm or any other object that, in the manner of its use or intended use, is capable of causing death or serious bodily injury.

Weapons

Weapons prohibited by this policy include, but are not limited to

- tasers that fire a projectile
- knives with a blade longer than 3 ½ inches or that have more than one sharp edge
- airsoft, pellet, and BB guns and any firearm facsimile
- clubs and night sticks
- swords and daggers
- nunchucks
- metal knuckles
- slingshots and similar devices

Persons Authorized by Policy to Carry Firearms on Campus

Law enforcement officers certified by the state of Utah, federal law enforcement officers, the managing director of BYU Police and BYU Security, authorized BYU Security supervisors, and security officers on official duty for armored vehicle services contracted with the university or for the Church Security Department are authorized to carry a firearm on campus.

Members of the Air Force and Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) may carry ROTC-issued firearms or other weapons as part of official ROTC functions and trainings when authorized by the professor of aerospace studies or the professor of military science and in strict accordance with existing military regulations.



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APPLICABILITY: This policy applies to all university personnel, students, and visitors to campus.

POLICY OWNER: Administration Vice President and CFO

RESPONSIBLE OFFICE: Office of the Managing Director of BYU Police and BYU Security

RESOURCES: [Firearms and Weapons Procedures](#)

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