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University Policy PROHIBITING DEADLY and OFFENSIVE WEAPONS

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This policy applies to all persons who are enrolled, employed by, visiting or providing services to Millersville University.

Millersville University of Pennsylvania is an institution of higher learning and an instrumentality of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania created by Act 188 of 1982, which authorizes the President of the University to establish policies governing the use of institutional facilities and property and to perform those actions necessary for the orderly operation of the university. Accordingly, Millersville University adopts the following policy and procedure addressing the possession of deadly or offensive weapons.

The possession or carrying of any deadly or offensive weapon by any person is prohibited in university academic buildings, administrative buildings, student residence buildings, dining facilities, parking garage, or while attending a sporting, entertainment or educational event on the university's property or sponsored by the university. Entry upon university property in violation of this prohibition is expressly forbidden and will result in the individual being directed to remove the weapon immediately from university property. Failure to comply with such directive may result in further disciplinary action for students or employees.

Procedures

1. A deadly or offensive weapon is defined as any device designed to produce death or serious bodily injury. Offensive weapons may be any devices so defined under the Pennsylvania Crimes Code Section 908 (c), i.e., those which serve no common lawful purpose. For the purposes of this policy, deadly and offensive weapons may include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Firearms, loaded or unloaded
 - b. Pellet, flare, tranquilizer, stun, spear, or dart guns
 - c. Knives with blades larger than a small folding knife
 - d. Any cutting instrument where the blade is exposed in an automatic way
 - e. Daggers or swords
 - f. Striking instruments, including clubs, truncheons, and blackjacks

- g. Martial arts weapons
 - h. Bow and arrow combinations
 - i. Explosive devices
 - j. Ammunition or components to manufacture ammunition
2. The definition of deadly or offensive weapons under this policy does not include devices sold commercially such as aerosol dispensers or non-lethal chemical irritants, small pocketknives, or general tools not designed as weapons and used for their lawful and intended purposes.
 3. This policy applies equally to those persons who have a government issued license to carry a concealed firearm. Any university employee or student having such a license and wishing to carry their weapon on university property for compelling reasons related to their personal safety must request an exception to this policy by contacting the University Chief of Police. Such requests will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.
 4. This policy does NOT apply to:
 - a. Commissioned officers of the Millersville University Police Department
 - b. Duly appointed law enforcement officers conducting official business
 - c. Members of the United States Armed Forces when in uniform and conducting official business
 5. Notification of Use of Replica or Prop Weapons

Due to the risk of being identified as a real weapon, any item which looks like a weapon and is used for any purpose on University property must be reported to and approved by the University Police Department prior to use in any activity. Examples of such activities include official ROTC military exercises, color guard, intercollegiate athletics, class instruction or presentations, dramatic plays, and similar artistic events. It shall be the responsibility of the faculty member or other employee coordinating such activities to secure written approval from the Chief of Police before conducting the activity. Weapons brought to campus for the activities so noted must be stored in a manner approved by the University Police.