

# **AUBURN UNIVERSITY**

## **DANGEROUS WEAPONS AND FIREARMS POLICY**

In order to maintain a safe academic environment, Auburn University prohibits the possession and use of any dangerous or potentially dangerous weapon(s) or instruments, including but not limited to those described below, on all University properties, with limited exceptions.

This policy is applicable to all members of the University community, including students, faculty, staff, visitors (invited or uninvited), contractors, and guests at any University campus, facility or event.

The following dangerous weapons and firearms are included within this policy:

- Firearms – Shotgun, rifle, pistol, revolver or other shoulder gun including ammunition. This also includes starter guns, the frame or receiver of any such weapon; any firearm muffler or silencer; or any machine gun.
- Any non-culinary knife, fixed or lockblade (e.g., Bowie knife, knife, or instrument of like kind or description), except common pocket knife or legitimate tools appropriately used in authorized work on campus.
- Stun Gun, Taser or instrument of like kind or description
- Air gun (e.g., air or gas powered rifle or pistol)
- Bow and arrow (e.g., archery equipment)
- Slingshots (including throwing weapons)
- Swords
- Crossbows
- Brass knuckles
- Fireworks or explosive devices

Except as otherwise provided in this policy or in controlling law, the possession, transportation, and use of firearms on campus is prohibited. Dangerous weapons are not permitted on campus at any time.

Temporary exclusions may be granted in writing by the Executive Director of Campus Safety and Security for job related, educational, or demonstration purposes. Department heads and respective instructors may be granted authorization for organized activities by the Executive Director of the [Department of Campus Safety & Security](#) and on the Montgomery campus by the Senior Director, Police Services. The requesting organization must guarantee qualified instruction, safety, and security for such activities. This policy shall not apply to duly designated law enforcement officers while in the discharge of their lawful duties.

An employee may not possess firearms on campus or while otherwise engaged in duties associated with their employment, except for a firearm properly maintained in a personal vehicle in a manner consistent with Alabama law. University students may not possess firearms at any time on campus (except as expressly authorized by the Executive Director of Campus Safety and Security). The Department of Campus Safety and Security provides temporary storage for firearms lawfully possessed by students at its office.

Where applicable, all federal, state, and local laws and ordinances will be strictly enforced by [Auburn Police Department](#) and respective mutual aid agencies and shall be separate from this administrative policy.

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