

<b>Policy:</b> Firearms and Other Weapons	<b>Policy Number:</b> I-6.15
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- I. **POLICY:** John Carroll University prohibits any Person from possessing, using, buying, selling, carrying, storing or displaying any weapons or replica weapons while on University property.
  
- II. **PURPOSE:** John Carroll University is committed to maintaining an environment that is free of violence. This commitment includes eliminating recognized hazards from the campus community that might contribute to violence or serious harm.
  
- III. **SCOPE:** All employees and Persons on campus or on property owned or controlled by John Carroll University.
  
- IV. **DEFINITIONS:**
  - Persons:** Any student, employee, contractor, visitor or any other person on University property.
  
  - Firearms:** Any gun, rifle, pistol, handgun or device designed to fire bullets, BBs, pellets, or shots (including paint balls), or other projectiles.
  
  - Weapons:** Any device or substance that is designed, used, or likely to be used to cause bodily harm or property damage. This includes, but is not limited to, taser/stun guns, knives with fixed blades, switchblades, spring-loaded knives, pocket knives with blades longer than 2 ¼ inches, any item (including kitchen utensils) used for an inappropriate or unintended purpose, martial arts weapons, bows and arrows of any type, swords, brass knuckles, sling shots, explosives, or incendiary devices.
  
- V. **GUIDELINES:**
  - A. The University prohibits any Person from possessing, using, buying, selling, carrying, storing or displaying any weapons or replica weapons while on University property, to the fullest extent of the law. This applies regardless of whether the Person has a valid state permit to carry a firearm.

- B. This policy applies to any other items deemed by the John Carroll University Police Department (JCUPD) to be dangerous, including hazardous chemical or biological materials of any sort other than materials being used in connection with an authorized academic activity.
- C. This policy also applies to displays/collections of any of the items named above, including but not limited to ammunition, ornamental weapons, and ornamental ammunition.
- D. The following firearms and other weapons are excluded from this policy:
  - 1. A firearm or other weapon in the possession of an on-duty law enforcement officer, duly authorized to carry the firearm or other weapon by their employing law enforcement agency, and acting on behalf of and within the scope of their official duties with such agency while on University property or at a University-related activity.
  - 2. A firearm or other weapon in the possession of a campus Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) member when part of an official ROTC function, when authorized by a professor of Military Science, and after notification to the JCUPD Chief of Police.
  - 3. A tool, not including a firearm, used by a University employee or contractor as an authorized part of their employment with the University.
  - 4. A firearm or other weapon in the possession of an authorized Person who has received prior written authorization from the JCUPD Chief of Police.
  - 5. A handgun safely stored in a separately locked compartment or container in a locked motor vehicle of a licensee who is legally authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Ohio. The vehicle must be parked in an authorized parking area, and the handgun must be stored promptly upon the licensee's arrival upon University property.

## **VI. ENFORCEMENT**

- A. Any Person who becomes aware of a violation of this policy has a duty to immediately notify the JCUPD. The phone number for the JCUPD is 216-397-1234.
- B. Any prohibited items are subject to confiscation and forfeiture as applicable to the fullest extent allowed by law.
- C. JCUPD will investigate all violations and refer to the appropriate University department or external agency all information necessary for investigation and enforcement. Violations of this policy by employees will be subject to disciplinary action under the University's Corrective Action Policy or Faculty Handbook. Violations of this policy by students will be subject to discipline consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.

- D. Any Person who violates this policy may be subject to criminal enforcement and to preclusion from University property.
- E. As with other University policies, employees and students are responsible for the behavior of any guest they have on campus. Employees and students will be held accountable through the appropriate University policy if their guests violate this policy.
- F. Any questions about weapons or firearms on University property should be directed to the JCUPD Chief of Police (216-397-1234).

**VII. CROSS REFERENCES:**

Corrective Action Policy

Workplace Violence Policy