



Dangerous Weapons and Firearms Policy

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Prior Versions:	None
Responsible Office:	Campus Police
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I. Purpose

In order to maintain a safe academic environment, Auburn University at Montgomery 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.

II. Policy

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

- 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
- Pepper Spray - Mace

III. Applicability

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.

IV. Responsibility

Responsibility for the implementation and administration of this policy rests with the Campus Police.

V. Definitions

- 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 lock blade (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.

VI. Procedures

N/A

VII. Sanctions

N/A

VIII. Exclusions

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 Chief/Director of Police Operations for job related, educational, or demonstration purposes. Department heads and respective instructors may be granted authorization for organized activities by the Chief/Director of Police Operations of Auburn University at Montgomery. 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 Chief/Director of Police Operations).

Where applicable, all federal, state, and local laws and ordinances will be strictly enforced by Auburn University at Montgomery Police Department and respective mutual aid agencies and shall be separate from this administrative policy.

IX. Interpretation

Questions about the interpretation of this policy should be directed to the Campus Police.

Signature

Date