

# **Prohibition of Weapons and Concealed Carry of Weapons on Campus**

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## **Policy Statement**

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## **Who Needs to Know This Policy**

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imitations, facsimiles or replicas of all of the above.

**Other Dangerous Objects or Materials**

Include, but are not limited, to firecrackers, skyrocket, rockets, roman candles, cherry bombs, sparklers, toy cannons or toy guns in which explosive materials are used, fire balloons, or other devices containing any combustible or explosive substance used to propel another object.

Any object or material designed to inflict injury or death, including but not limited to items that pose a potential hazard to the safety or health of others, and unauthorized hazardous materials or chemicals.

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## **Policy/Procedures**

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The University prohibits the possession, use or storage of Firearms (regardless of the existence of a valid concealed carry permit); Other Lethal or Non-Lethal Weapons; Fireworks/Explosive Devices; and Other Dangerous Objects or Materials by anyone: (i) on any property owned, leased or controlled by the University, including but not limited to all buildings, land, parking areas, sidewalks and common areas; (ii) in any vehicle, owned, leased or controlled by the University regardless of location; (iii) at any external, University-sponsored activities or events; and (iv) employed by the University when conducting University business anywhere.

All employees, students, persons conducting business, individuals visiting the Northwestern University campus are strictly prohibited from carrying concealed Firearms or any Other Lethal or Non-Lethal Weapons as defined and described above unless authorized by the exceptions below and when fully compliant with the specifics of those exceptions.

### **Policy Exceptions**

1. Law Enforcement Personnel. This Policy permits the concealed and unconcealed possession and storage of Firearms and Other Lethal or Non-lethal Weapons by federal, state, or

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The University recognizes that many common objects and materials are designed for use other than as a weapon but nevertheless may be used or modified for use as a weapon. In deciding whether a particular common object or material is a weapon under this Policy, the University will use reasoned judgment when considering, among other factors, the time, place and other circumstances surrounding the possession of the common object or tool, including the explanation for its possession or use and whether it has been modified or altered to make it a more effective weapon.



If any faculty, staff or student of Northwestern, any person conducting business with Northwestern, or any individuals visiting the Northwestern University campus violates the terms of this Policy, disciplinary action will be taken in accordance with relevant disciplinary procedures contained in the relevant handbooks, policies, procedures, practices, or contracts. In addition, all violators may be subject to criminal charges as covered in the Illinois Firearm Concealed Carry Act and its enabling regulations as well as any other applicable criminal laws.

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## **Forms/Instructions**

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## **Appendices**

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## **Related Information**

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