

**Title: Prohibition of Weapons Policy**

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  - Responsibility: Public Safety
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**I. POLICY**

Cecil College employees, students, visitors and guests are not permitted to possess, or transport weapons of any kind onto the College campus or other facilities owned or leased by the College. Weapons include, but are not limited to, rifles, shotguns, handguns, ghost guns (guns that do not have a serial number), pellet or BB guns, stun guns, dangerous knives as defined in Maryland statute § 4-101, Billy club, makeshift weapons, martial arts weapons, ammunition and explosives or any other lethal or dangerous device capable of casting a projectile by air, gas, explosion or mechanical means on any property or in any building owned or operated by the college or in any vehicle on campus.

Possessing a firearm (unless a government or College Special Police officer authorized and required to carry a firearm), is prohibited. College Special Police Officers must possess a valid state of Maryland handgun permit with authorization to be armed on campus, or not have any Maryland state restrictions.

The Director of Public Safety or his designee, upon observation or a report, may confiscate any weapons brought to any Cecil College locations. The weapon will be turned in to the Maryland State Police.

The College recognizes that occasionally there are legitimate academic reasons/requests for weapons on campus. Any requests for exceptions related to academic purposes should be directed to the Vice President, Academic Programs who will coordinate with the Vice President of Finance and Administrative.

**II. PROCEDURE**

There may be other items not cited above that the Director of Public Safety or other College officials deem to be unsafe and are thereby prohibited on campus and in College facilities. The only exception is a weapon in the possession of a person authorized by a governmental organization, and who has registered both his/her presence and weapon with Cecil College Public Safety.

The College considers violations of this policy to be a serious offense which could result in termination, including one's failure to report information regarding the possession of any weapon on campus. Likewise, any student who violates this policy or fails to report information

regarding the possession of weapons on campus, will fall under the Student Code of Conduct Policy which could result in dismissal or expulsion.

Exceptions for academic purposes must be requested in writing through the Vice President of Academic Programs. All requests shall be reviewed by the Vice President of Finance and Administration in consultation with the Director of Public Safety.