Prohibited Weapons Policy Statement

SFUAD desires to maintain a safe environment for all of its students, faculty members, staff members, contractors, and visitors. This policy seeks to reduce the risk of injury or death associated with the intentional or accidental use of weapons on university premises.

The possession, transfer, sale, or use of weapons or dangerous instruments, including paraphernalia associated with a weapon or dangerous instrument, is prohibited on university premises. This includes those licensed to carry a weapon, except as provided by law in the state of New Mexico. This restriction includes, but is not limited to, University grounds, resident halls, offices, classrooms, University-sponsored events, and vehicles on campus. Possession of weapons or dangerous instruments is prohibited at all times while conducting University business. This policy applies to all students, faculty, and staff of the University and violation may result in discipline up to and including termination of employment or expulsion. Where appropriate, University officials will report the transfer, sale, or use of weapons or dangerous instruments to local law enforcement authorities.

Definitions

- A “weapon” or “dangerous instrument” is any object or substance designed to inflict a wound, cause injury, incapacitate, or threaten the safety of another person or animal. Weapons include, but are not limited to, firearms, BB and pellet guns, paintball guns, brass knuckles, switchblades, swords, knives, or items used in the practice of martial arts.

- This prohibition also applies to fireworks, explosive devices, pyrotechnics, and flammable materials.

- Any student found in violation of this prohibition may be immediately suspended from campus housing and/or the university.

Exceptions to the prohibited weapons policy must be approved beforehand by a representative of the president’s office. Current approved exceptions to the prohibited weapons policy are listed below:

- Small, key-ring size (3oz. or less) pepper spray, enclosed in a safety case, provided that the case is not visible while in classrooms or classroom buildings.

Students who wish to carry an approved exception to the prohibited weapons policy are encouraged to register with the Security office and are also encouraged to attend a safety seminar, which are offered each semester.

Use of personal pepper spray on campus, either intentional or accidental, may be subject to judicial review based on the nature of the incident.

Intentional or accidental use of personal pepper spray must be reported to Campus Security. The expectation is that reporting occurs immediately, or within a reasonable period of time that ensures the safety of the student.

Any weapon or dangerous instrument, including those identified as exceptions to the prohibited weapons policy, may be confiscated. There is no reasonable expectation of privacy with respect to weapons or dangerous instruments on campus. Desks, resident halls/dorm rooms, offices, lockers, bags, briefcases, files, etc. may be subject to reasonable security search.