

University Policies

Policy Name: Weapons and Firearms	Effective Date: July 1, 2010
Custodian of Policy: Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management	Last Review: September, 2003
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Policy:

Possession of any weapon within facilities or on land owned, leased or under the control of Minnesota State University, Mankato is prohibited except as allowed by Minnesota Law, MnSCU Board of Trustees Policy www.mnscu.edu/board/policy/521.html or University Policy. This prohibition extends to any University sanctioned events on or off campus. Students, as well as employees that are acting within the scope and course of their employment, are prohibited from carrying firearms on University grounds or in any University building.

Licensed law enforcement officers and visitors with a valid permit to carry may possess pistols (handguns) on University grounds and in University buildings. All other firearms are prohibited.

The Children's House area of Wiecking Center is a school and possession of weapons by anyone is prohibited.

Firearms are permitted in University parking lots by Minnesota law and must be properly stored in their case.

Suspected violations of this University policy must be reported to University Security.

Procedures:

1. The University does not provide storage facilities for any firearms
2. Use of firearms on campus property for academic purposes must be approved in writing by the President's Office. Parties requesting to bring any weapons on campus for academic purposes should complete the proper "weapons request – academic purpose only" form at the University Security Office. The form will then be forwarded for approval to the College Dean, Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, and President in this order. After final approval is given by the President, the approved form will be returned to University Security for notification of the permission granted.
3. Businesses leasing property from the University can post only their leased space with "no firearms" signs in accordance with the Minnesota Citizen's Personal Protection Act of 2003 (MCPA).
4. A contract to use space by individuals not associated with the University should include the following statement: "Licensee agrees to honor and abide by all rules and regulations set forth by Licensor during its occupancy of the space, including complying with the University's weapon policy."
5. All contracts negotiated with outside vendors will state that the company prohibits their employees from carrying any weapons, including handguns for which employees may have a permit to carry while on MSU property. Contracts for work that includes the possession of a handgun as part of the employees' duties, for which they are being hired by the University, are exempt from this provision.

6. Suspected violations by an employee that are reported to Security will be forwarded to the Department of Human Resources.
7. Suspected violations by a student that are reported to Security will be forwarded to the Office of Student Conduct.

Rationale:

Minnesota State University, Mankato seeks a safe environment for individuals on University property. The University's statement on the possession or use of firearms and other weapons complies with Minnesota State Statute 624.714 subd. 18, entitled the "Minnesota Citizen's Personal Protection Act of 2003 (MCPA)" and Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees Policy 5.21 "Possession or Carry of Firearms" which provide guidance and authority for this policy.

