

Weapon means any device, instrument, or substance that is designed to, or reasonably could be expected to, inflict a wound, incapacitate, or cause serious bodily injury or death, including, but not limited to, firearms (loaded and unloaded, real and replica), ammunition, electronic control devices (such as tasers and stun guns), devices designed to discharge an object (such as bb guns, air guns, pellet guns, potato guns, and slingshots), explosives, dangerous chemicals (such as tear gas) or chemicals designed to incapacitate, martial arts weapons, bows and arrows (longbows, recurves, compound and cross-bows), artificial knuckles, nightsticks, blackjacks, dirks, daggers, swords, and knives with fixed blades longer than four (4) inches. Objects that, while not designed as a weapon, but are in the moment used as one (e.g., a student who strikes another with a baseball bat), will be considered a weapon under this policy. Excepted from this definition of “weapon” is chemical repellents available over-the-counter for self-defense and used solely as self-defense, or instruments used solely for personal hygiene.

Policy Statements

The University prohibits possession of weapons of any kind on University property (excluding weapons lawfully owned and maintained on commercial and residential leaseholds), with the limited exceptions noted in the Scope and Application section of this policy. Threatening to use a weapon, regardless of whether a weapon is present, will also be considered a violation of this policy.

Employees and students who bring weapons onto University property will be subject to sanctions which may include discharge, suspension, or expulsion. Furthermore, employees, students, contractors, and others who bring weapons onto University property are subject to arrest. Weapons brought onto campus property in violation of this policy will be confiscated.

Any employee who intends to have a permitted weapon in his or her vehicle while on a University parking lot must complete [a disclosure form](#), available at the Sewanee Police Department, and provide proof that the