

**Weapons**

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**PURPOSE:**

At Garrett College, safety and security on campus is of paramount importance. The College will make every effort to ensure the safety and security of the campus community and its visitors.

**POLICY:**

Possession of firearms or potentially dangerous weapons or explosives is not permitted on College Property, which includes in personal vehicles parked on College property. Any potentially dangerous weapon including, but not limited to rifles, pistols, hunting knives, bowie knives, martial arts weapons and live ammunition is prohibited.

Fireworks are considered explosive devices and are not permitted on campus except when approved by the College administration for official functions. Weapons such as a dirk knife, switchblade knife, pen knife with a blade exceeding three inches, sand club, blackjack, metal knuckles, straight razor, paintball guns, pellet guns, BB gun or any weapon considered illegal by the State of Maryland are also not permitted on campus. Any object employed in a violent or threatening manner may be considered as “use of a weapon”.

Anyone found responsible for possession or use of weapons or explosives may be subject to disciplinary action by the College.

Instruments required for use in college sponsored activities, courses, or employment in accordance with approved procedural guidelines, are excluded from this policy.

This policy shall not apply to any federal, state or local law enforcement officer authorized to wear, carry, or transport a weapon on college property acting within the scope of their law enforcement responsibilities.

**PROCEDURES:**

N/A