

Police Department Manual (PDP)

PDP 201–05: Weapons, Explosives, and Fireworks

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Purpose

To state prohibitions regarding use and possession of weapons, explosives, and fireworks and to describe required reporting of violations

Sources

Arizona Revised Statutes §§ 4–229; 4–244; 12–781; 13–2911; 13–3101; 13–3102 (A) (10) to 13–3103; 13–3112 *Arizona Board of Regents Policy Manual* - 5–308

Policy

Use, possession, display, or storage of any weapon, explosive device, or fireworks is prohibited on all land and buildings owned, leased, or under the control of Arizona State University or its affiliated or related entities, in all ASU residential facilities (whether managed by ASU or another entity), in all ASU vehicles, and at all ASU or ASU affiliate-sponsored events and activities, except as provided in *Arizona Revised Statutes* § 12–781.

ASU students and employees are required to report violations and suspected violations of this policy to ASU PD immediately.

In addition to any sanctions available under applicable law, violations of this policy by ASU students are subject to sanctions under the *ABOR Student Code of Conduct*, and violations of this policy by ASU employees are subject to sanctions under ABOR and ASU policies governing employee conduct.

Exceptions

Exceptions to this policy are as follows:

1. peace officers certified by the State of Arizona and currently employed by an Arizona law enforcement agency performing his or her official duties
2. peace officers certified by the State of Arizona in an off-duty capacity and currently employed by an Arizona law enforcement agency
3. any law enforcement officer working under their color of authority
4. weapons used in authorized academic programs for which prior approval has been obtained from the chief of ASU PD or an authorized representative
5. any firearm that is lawfully stored and locked in a personally owned motor vehicle or compartment of a motorcycle and not visible from outside the motor vehicle or motorcycle pursuant to the provisions of ARS § 12–781
6. retired peace officers who meet the provisions of ARS § 38-1113.G(4), as determined by the chief of ASU PD or designated representative

or

7. other activity that has been given prior written approval by the chief of ASU PD or a designated representative. (See [PDP 201-05A](#)).

Requests for exceptions must be made in writing and submitted via email to asupolice@asu.edu.

Definitions

Explosive

Any explosive device or substance, including dynamite, nitroglycerin, black powder, or other similar explosive material including plastic explosives; any breakable container that contains a flammable liquid with a flash point of 150° F or less and has a wick or similar device capable of being ignited.

Fireworks

Any fireworks, fire crackers, sparklers, rockets, or any propellant-activated device whose intended purpose is illumination.

Weapon

“Weapon” refers to any object or substance designed to (or which could be reasonably expected to) inflict a wound, cause injury, incapacitate, or cause death, including, without limitation, all firearms (loaded and unloaded, simulated and real), devices designed to expel a projectile (such as bb guns, air guns, pellet guns, and potato guns), swords, knives with blades of 5 inches or longer, martial arts weapons, bows and arrows, and chemicals such as tear gas, but personal safety devices as defined below are not included in the definition of “weapon.”

Personal Safety Devices

Permissible personal safety and self-defense items on ABOR property include but are not limited to:

- Over-the-counter, electroshock devices and a conducted electrical weapons which include but are not limited to non-police grade Tasers and stun guns. Non-police grade is defined as being under 50,000 volts
- Over-the-counter mace and pepper spray
- Knives with blades of less than 5 inches
- Tactical pens
- Hi-Intensity tactical flashlight or strobe device
- Hi-Volume audible alert/alarm device (may include visual and audio effects)
- Expandable or fixed baton
- Over-the-counter keyring defensive tools
- Any item used for its intended purpose (sporting equipment, culinary utensils, farm tools, etc.)

Procedure

ASU students and employees are required to report violations and suspected violations of this policy to ASU PD by telephone at 480/965– 3456. If the incident involves an immediate threat to life or property, dial 911.

Cross-Reference

For an additional prohibition on weapons and explosives on campus, see the *Staff Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual (SPP)*— [SPP 801](#), “Employee Conduct and Work Rules.”

Exhibit

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[PDP 201-05A](#), Delegation of Authority Memo