

**JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**Manual of Policies and Procedures**

**POLICY NO: IV:02:05**

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**SUBJECT: Dangerous Weapons and Firearms Policy**

**APPROVED: Dr. Don C. Killingsworth, Jr., President**

It is the policy of Jacksonville State University that no employees, students, or visitors will possess, store, display, or carry any dangerous instrument, including a firearm, on campus except as otherwise provided in this policy.

**A. PURPOSE.**

Jacksonville State University (JSU) seeks to promote the safety of students, employees, and visitors by the lawful regulation of the possession of dangerous instruments and firearms on campus and at university events.

**B. DEFINITIONS.**

For purpose of this policy, the following definitions shall apply:

- 1) “**Campus**” means all property owned, leased, operated, or controlled by the University.
- 2) “**Dangerous Instrument**” means:
  - a) A firearm or any device, including paintball guns, that shoots or delivers a bullet, BB, pellet, arrow, dart, flare, electrical charge, fluids, or other projectile, whether loaded or unloaded, including those devices powered by air, gas, explosion, or mechanical means. Realistic facsimiles of such items are also included in this definition
  - b) Any explosive device, including fireworks;
  - c) Any instruments/devices that are designed or may be used as a weapon to injure or threaten another individual, including, but not limited to, non-culinary knives with a blade greater than four (4) inches

### **C. ENFORCEMENT**

Persons on campus and in violation of this policy may be dealt with accordingly, including, but not limited to, being removed from campus and receiving a written directive to remain off campus. All violations of Alabama law may be dealt with by appropriate law enforcement. Contractors and vendors are expected to comply with policy and contract terms. Student violations may also be addressed in accordance with the Code of Student Conduct as well as other applicable policies and may include sanctions, up to and including expulsion. Employee violations may also be addressed in accordance with employer policies, up to and including termination.

### **D. EXCEPTIONS**

This policy does not prohibit use or possession of dangerous weapons or firearms by (1) certified law enforcement officers acting within the scope of their employment or as otherwise approved by the Director of Public Safety; (2) private security, who with express prior written permission of the Director of Public Safety, possess firearms or dangerous weapons while in the employment of the University or for a permitted event; and (3) members, coaches, and authorized staff of a recognized team or course who are acting within the scope of activities that the Director of Public Safety has pre-approved 48 hours prior to the event (e.g. ROTC). No other individual may possess a firearm on campus, except for a lawfully possessed firearm properly maintained in the individual's privately owned motor vehicle in a manner that satisfies all requirements and prerequisites of Alabama law. Any other use or possession of dangerous weapons or firearms on campus must be authorized by the Director of Public Safety.

### **E. RESPONSIBILITY**

The Director of Public Safety is responsible for this policy. Members of the campus community who are aware of an unauthorized weapon on-campus are strongly encouraged to notify the University Police Department.

### **F. SAVINGS CLAUSE**

In the event of any conflict between this Policy and either Alabama or Federal law, Alabama or Federal law controls.

## **G. EVALUATION**

This policy will be reviewed every five (5) years or as necessary to comply with changes in the law.

## **H. RESPONSIBILITY**

The Director, Public Safety (Chief) is responsible for this policy.