

Title/Subject: **WEAPONS POLICY**

Applies to:  faculty  staff  students  student employees  visitors  contractors

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Contact for More Information: CMU Police; General Counsel; Human Resources

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**POLICY:**

No person shall possess, discharge or otherwise use any weapon on any property owned, leased or otherwise controlled by the University. This prohibition applies regardless of whether the individual has a concealed weapon permit or is otherwise authorized by law to possess, discharge or use any such device. Exceptions to this prohibition are listed below.

**DEFINITIONS:**

Weapon includes, but is not limited to: a firearm; explosives (including fireworks); dangerous chemicals, substances or compounds intended to cause injury to another, or possessed in negligent disregard for the safety of self and others; knives with blades longer than three (3) inches or with an open blade locking mechanism; swords; machetes; projectile devices that could cause injury to others or any other device that could reasonably be considered to be a weapon.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

These prohibitions do not apply:

- (a) to an officer of the CMU Police Department who is regularly employed by the University and who has been authorized by the CMU Chief of Police (or designee) to carry weapons as outlined by CMU Police policy; or
- (b) to an employee authorized by a Senior Officer or CMU Chief of Police, to possess or use such a device during the time when the employee is engaged in work for the University requiring such a device; or
- (c) when an individual uses or possesses a weapon in connection with an educational, recreational or training program or activity authorized by a University Dean or equivalent and under the supervision of a University employee; or
- (d) during the time when the weapon is worn as part of a military or fraternal uniform in connection with a public ceremony, parade or theatrical performance; or
- (e) to non-University law enforcement officers of legally established law enforcement agencies, during the time the officers are engaged in work requiring a weapon; or

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- (f) to non-University persons who are required by their employer to possess or use a weapon during the time the employee is engaged in work requiring a weapon, providing the CMU Chief of Police or his/her designee has received prior notification; or
- (g) to firearms used for hunting, when properly registered with the University Police Department and stored in compliance with University regulations; or
- (h) to the possession or use of a weapon for recreational hunting on property which has been designated for such activity by the University, provided such possession and use is in strict compliance with applicable law; or
- (i) when the CMU Chief of Police or designee has waived the prohibition based on extraordinary circumstances. Any such waiver must be in writing and must define its scope and duration.

**PROCEDURE:**

The CMU Chief of Police, or designee, may impose certain restrictions upon individuals who are otherwise authorized to possess or use weapons pursuant to this policy when the Chief or designee determines such restrictions are appropriate under the circumstance.

This Policy does not restrict the enactment of more restrictive policies for students and employees.

Any student violating this rule shall be subject to suspension or dismissal. Employees are subject to discipline up to and including discharge. Others may be subject to banning from campus and arrest for trespass.

*Central Michigan University reserves the right to make exceptions, modify or eliminate this policy.  
This document supersedes all previous policies, procedures and directives relative to this subject.  
Please refer questions or concerns to the Originating Department.*