



Policy 5.21
Possession or Carry of Firearms Policy
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The purpose of this policy is to establish restrictions on possession or carry of firearms applicable to the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System, in accordance with the Minnesota Citizens' Personal Protection Act of 2003, Minnesota Statutes section 624.714, and other applicable law.

Students:

Prohibition: Students are prohibited from possessing or carrying a firearm, regardless of whether the student has a permit to carry a firearm.

Licensed peace officers: This does not apply to licensed peace officers.

Reporting Procedures: A student with a reasonable basis for believing an individual is in possession of or carrying a firearm in violation of this policy should report the suspected act in a timely manner to a school official, unless doing so would subject the student or others to physical harm.

Employees:

Prohibition: Employees are prohibited from possessing or carrying a firearm while acting in the course and scope of their employment, either on or off college property, regardless of whether the employee has a permit to carry a firearm.

Licensed peace officers: This does not apply to licensed peace officers.

Reporting Procedures: An employee with a reasonable basis for believing an individual is in possession of or carrying a firearm in violation of this policy has a responsibility to report the suspected act in a timely manner, unless doing so would subject the employee or others to physical harm.

Reports should be made to a college administrator. This policy shall not prohibit prompt notification to appropriate law enforcement authorities when an immediate threat to personal safety exists. Employees shall not make reports of a suspected violation knowing they are false or in reckless disregard of the truth.

Parking Lot:

This policy does not prohibit the lawful possession or carry of firearms in a parking area or parking facility.

Authorized Uses:

Lawful possession or carry related to an academic use or use at a campus shooting range, approved in writing by the campus provost, is permitted.

Transport of an unloaded firearm directly between a parking area or parking facility and the location authorized for its use, is permitted.

Storage in State Vehicles:

No vehicle owned, leased, or otherwise under the control of the college shall be used to store or carry a firearm, except otherwise authorized in writing, by the provost.

Violations:

Violations of this policy by students or employees are misconduct subject to discipline, up to and including expulsion or termination. Minnesota State Colleges and Universities may refer suspected violations of law to appropriate law enforcement authorities, and provide access to investigative or other data as permitted by law.

In the event any other System, college, university or Office of the Chancellor policy or procedure is found to be in conflict with this policy, the terms of this policy shall govern.

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