

100.4 Policy on Weapons

Approval Authority: Cabinet
Responsible Officer: Vice President for Facilities and Campus Operations
Responsible Office: Stevens Campus Police Department
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I. Purpose of this Policy

The Trustees of the Stevens Institute of Technology is committed to maintaining a safe and secure environment for its students, faculty, staff and visitors. This policy sets forth rules governing the possession of Weapons on University Property. All defined terms used in this Policy shall have the meanings set forth in Section IV.

II. Policy

Subject to the limited exceptions below, Weapons are prohibited on University Property. Such items will be confiscated by the Stevens Campus Police Department, and individuals involved will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination or expulsion, and may be subject to criminal penalties.

III. Policy Exceptions

Campus Police Officers may carry Weapons on University Property. A supplemental security officer hired by Stevens for a special event may carry a Weapon on University Property with the prior written consent of the Chief of Campus Police.

Any person who possesses the legal authority to carry a concealed weapon within the State of New Jersey, such as an off-duty or retired law enforcement officer or a security detail providing dignitary protection, may carry a concealed weapon on University Property with the prior written consent of the Chief of Campus Police.

Weapons that are essential for a class presentation or a research project may be brought onto University Property with the prior written consent of the Chief of Campus Police and the Vice Provost of Research. Such Weapons must be registered with Campus Police before the Weapon is brought onto campus. Control and storage of such Weapons shall be determined in the sole discretion of the Stevens Chief of Police (or designee).

Weapons that are essential for legitimate athletic pursuits may be brought onto University Property with the prior written consent of the Chief of Campus Police and the Athletic Director. Such Weapons must be registered with Campus Police before the Weapon is brought onto campus. Control and storage of such Weapons shall be determined in the sole discretion of the Stevens Chief of Police (or designee).

The Chief of Campus Police may, in consultation with the Office of the General Counsel, provide for additional exceptions to this Policy.

IV. Policy Definitions

- **University Property** is property owned, leased or otherwise under the control of Stevens, or is used to host a Stevens-sponsored event or program. This definition includes all student residences (including residence halls, fraternity and sorority houses) and any other property owned by a Recognized Student Organization or other organization affiliated with Stevens.

- A **Weapon** is an instrument that (i) is used to inflict physical harm, (ii) is intended to inflict physical harm, (iii) could reasonably cause fear of infliction of physical harm, or (iv) may be deemed a weapon under applicable law. This definition includes, but is not limited to:
 - Guns (including firearms, BB guns, paintball guns and dart guns);
 - Ammunition;
 - Tasers;
 - Bows and arrows (except those used for legitimate athletic pursuits with the prior written consent of the Stevens Campus Police Department and the Athletic Director, see Section III above);
 - Crossbows;
 - Knives over four inches in length (except those whose purpose is related to the preparation or consumption of food);
 - Explosive devices (including fireworks);
 - Brass knuckles;
 - Swords;
 - Axes;
 - Machetes;
 - Nunchuks; and
 - Throwing stars.

Weapons also include imitation or replica weapons. For avoidance of doubt, a disarmed weapon is a Weapon.