



DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Enterprise Policy

DCAMM-WEAPONS-2019

DIVISION OF CAPITAL ASSET MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE

Weapons-Free State Buildings Policy

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1. Purpose

- a. The purpose of this policy is to foster a safe and secure environment and minimize risk for state employees and visitors by banning possession of weapons and simulated weapons in state-owned and operated facilities.

2. Applicability

- a. This policy applies to all state facilities owned, managed, and/or operated by the Executive Branch. This includes all owned and leased properties managed by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance.
- b. The following facilities are exempt from this policy: facilities managed by the Judiciary, the state university and colleges, or any state facility where possession of a weapon is governed by separate law or regulation.
- c. The possession and use of weapons by state employees or contractors is also covered in the Violence Prevention in the Workplace policy.
- d. This policy is subject to Article 6, Section 5 of the Rhode Island Constitution.

3. Definitions

As used in this policy, the following terms shall mean:

- a. **"Weapon"** means any instrument used for the purpose of killing, injuring, maiming, or disabling a person, including a taser, firearm, incendiary device or explosive substance, knife or other sharp-edged, knife-like weapon designed to cut or stab another, and shall include any instrument or weapon as defined by RI. Gen. Laws§ 11-47-42.
- b. **"Simulated Weapon"** means any device which, while not operational as a weapon, is designed to appear or appears as a weapon, or which may be used to intimidate or simulate a weapon.

4. Requests for Office Space

- a. No person shall possess a weapon or simulated weapon in any state-owned, managed and/or operated facility, except the following:
 - (i.) Any person on official business required to carry a weapon during the course of their duties, including any on-duty law enforcement officer, peace officer, correctional officer, correctional investigator, or authorized armed security guard.

Application status -employee, intern, student, independent contractor, vendor, State board or committee member, or other (specific).

5. Reporting Incidents

- a. To report any violations of this policy, staff should call the Capitol Police at (401) 222-1000 or in the event of an emergency 9-1-1.

6. Signatures

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