Possession of Weapons

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Purpose
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To define the inappropriate possession of weapons at the college and exceptions to the policy.

Policy

The possession of weapons, explosives, flammable substances or other dangerous devices on any college property or at a college sponsored event, except for approved usage as defined below, is strictly prohibited. Violations of this policy by students will be adjudicated through the Student Code of Conduct. Violations by faculty and staff and may result in discipline up to and including dismissal. Violations by visitors may be considered an act of criminal trespass and will be grounds for immediate removal from College property and may result in prosecution.

A weapon is defined as any object or substance designed for, have the potential for, or used to, inflict a wound, cause injury or death to a person or animal or damage to property. This includes, but is not limited to; firearms, pellet guns, air pistols or rifles, knives, black jacks, metal knuckles, fireworks, explosives, incendiary devices, bows and arrows, crossbows, slingshots, throwing stars, swords, Mace, tear gas, biological agents and chemicals which, when mixed, have the potential to cause an explosion. Replicas and facsimiles are also prohibited.

Under no circumstances are weapons to be stored in vehicles or residence halls. Unauthorized weapons will be confiscated.

Exceptions to this policy:

Under the following circumstances, a weapon may be brought on college property. Such weapon must immediately be registered and stored with the Public Safety department. These exceptions apply to the Randolph Center campus only.

Hunting weapons for use by the licensed owner during the appropriate season may be used on designated college property with the consent of the Director of Public Safety.

Members of the Vermont Technical College Gun Club may possess and use a weapon for club sponsored events at the college range/skeet range after notification to the Director of Public Safety.
Members of the Paintball Club may possess and use an air gun during club sponsored events.

All weapons for the above purposes must be stored with the Public Safety department when not in use. Under no circumstances are weapons to be stored in vehicles or residence hall rooms.

Any person in possession of a weapon must be legally able to possess the weapon under Vermont or United States law.