



## **Kutztown University Policy A&F-030**

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### **Possession of Deadly or Offensive Weapons on Kutztown University Campus**

#### **A. Purpose**

Kutztown University of Pennsylvania as an institution of higher learning within the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education has a responsibility to provide a safe and secure educational environment. The purpose of this policy is to address and regulate the possession of deadly and/or offensive weapons on the campus of Kutztown University.

#### **B. Scope**

This policy applies to all persons who are enrolled, employed by, visiting, or providing services to Kutztown University. This policy applies equally to those persons who have a government issued license to carry a concealed firearm. Any university employee or student having such a license and wishing to carry their weapon on university property for compelling reasons related to their personal safety must request an exception to this policy by contacting the University Chief of Police. Such requests will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. This policy does not apply to:

1. Commissioned officers of the Kutztown University Police Dept.
2. Duly appointed law enforcement officers conducting official business
3. Members of the United States Armed Forces when in uniform and conducting official business
4. Agents of contractors conducting related official business

#### **C. Definitions**

A deadly or offensive weapon is defined as any device designed to produce death or serious bodily injury. Offensive weapons may be any device so defined under the Pennsylvania Crimes Code Section 908 (c) i.e., those which serve no common lawful purpose. For the purposes of this policy, deadly and offensive weapons may include, but are not limited to:

1. Firearms, loaded or unloaded
2. Pellet, flare, paint, tranquilizer, stun, spear, or dart guns
3. Knives with blades larger than a small folding pocket knife
4. Any cutting instrument where the blade is exposed in an automatic way
5. Daggers or swords

6. Striking instruments including clubs, truncheons, and blackjacks
7. Martial arts weapons
8. Bow and arrow combinations
9. Explosive devices
10. Ammunition or components to manufacture ammunitions

The definition of deadly or offensive weapons under this policy does not include devices sold commercially such as aerosol dispensers or non-lethal chemical irritants, small pocket knives, or general tools not designed as weapons and used for their intended and lawful purpose.

**D. Policy and Procedure**

The possession or carrying of any deadly or offensive weapon by any person is prohibited in Kutztown University academic buildings, administrative buildings, student residence halls (both university owned or leased), dining facilities, student union buildings, athletic facilities, recreation centers, or while attending a sporting, entertainment or educational event on the university property or sponsored by the university. Entry upon university property in violation of this prohibition is expressly forbidden and will result in the individual being directed to remove the weapon immediately from university property or sponsored event. Failure to comply with such directives may result in further disciplinary action for students and employees.

Due to the risk of being identified as a real weapon, any replica, prop weapon, or item which looks like a weapon and is used for any purpose on University property must be reported to and approved by KU Public Safety and Police Services Department prior to use in any activity. Examples of such activities include official ROTC military exercises, color guard, intercollegiate athletics, class instruction or presentations, dramatic plays, and similar artistic events. It shall be the responsibility of the faculty member or other employee producing or coordinating such activities to secure written approval from the Chief of Police before conducting the activity. Weapons brought to campus for the activities so noted must be stored in a manner approved by University Police.

**E. Effective Date:**

April 19, 2013

**F. Approved by:**

F. Javier Cevallos, President

**G. Endorsed by:**

Administrative Council, April 19, 2013