

Policy 1-003: Firearms on Campus (Interim Policy)

I. Purpose

To set forth the University's Policy on firearms on campus and to provide that violation of this Policy subjects faculty, staff and students to internal University disciplinary processes.

II. Definitions

None

III. Policy

The University of Utah enforces state law regulating firearms on campus. This enforcement occurs in two ways. First, University police will investigate and take appropriate action, up to and including referral for criminal prosecution, when violations occur. Second, the University will consider any violation of state law regulating firearms to be a violation of University Policy. Accordingly, such a violation is subject to disciplinary action under University disciplinary policies applicable to faculty, students, and staff.

[Note: Parts IV-VII of this Regulation (and all other University Regulations) are Regulations Resource Information – the contents of which are not approved by the Academic Senate or Board of Trustees, and are to be updated from time to time as determined appropriate by the cognizant Policy Officer and the Institutional Policy Committee, as per Policy 1-001 and Rule 1-001.]

IV. Rules, Procedures, Guidelines, Forms and other Related Resources

A. Rules *[reserved]*

B. Procedures *[reserved]*

- C. Guidelines *[reserved]*
- D. Forms *[reserved]*
- E. Other related resource materials *[reserved]*

V. References

A. State Law

[76-10-500](#) Uniform Law (Right to bear arms in Utah)

[76-10-501](#) Definitions.

[76-10-505.5](#) Possession of a dangerous weapon, firearm, or sawed off shotgun on or about school premises - Penalties.

[76-3-203.2](#) Definitions - Use of dangerous weapon in offenses committed on or about school premises - Enhanced penalties.Exceptions

[53-5-704](#) Bureau duties -- Permit to carry concealed firearm -- Certification for concealed firearms instructor -- Requirements for issuance -- Violation -- Denial, suspension, or revocation -- Appeal Procedure.

[53-5-705](#) Temporary permit to carry concealed firearm - Denial, suspension, or revocation - Appeal.

[76-10-511](#) Possession of firearm at residence or on real property authorized.

[76-10-523](#) Persons exempt from weapons laws.

B. University of Utah Policies

[Policy 1-004](#) Violence in the Workplace and Academic Environment

[Policy 5-111](#) Corrective Action and Termination Policy for Staff Employees

[Policy 6-400](#) Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities

Policy 6-316 Code of Faculty Rights and Responsibilities

VI. Contacts

The designated contact officials for this Policy are:

- A. **Policy Owner** (primary contact person for questions and advice): General Counsel
- B. **Policy Officer**: Vice President and General Counsel.

These officials are designated by the University President or delegee, with assistance of the Institutional Policy Committee, to have the following roles and authority, as provided in University Rule 1-001:

"A 'Policy Officer' will be assigned by the President for each University Policy, and will typically be someone at the executive level of the University (i.e., the President and his/her Cabinet Officers). The assigned Policy Officer is authorized to allow exceptions to the Policy in appropriate cases.... "

"The Policy Officer will identify an 'Owner' for each Policy. The Policy Owner is an expert on the Policy topic who may respond to questions about, and provide interpretation of the Policy; and will typically be someone reporting to an executive level position (as defined above), but may be any other person to whom the President or a Vice President has delegated such authority for a specified area of University operations. The Owner has primary responsibility for maintaining the relevant portions of the Regulations Library... [and] bears the responsibility for determining which reference materials are helpful in understanding the meaning and requirements of particular Policies... ." University Rule 1-001-III-B & E

VII. History

This interim Policy was adopted on September 24, 2007 by action of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees. This Policy will remain in effect until a permanent Policy is adopted after review by appropriate internal University groups.