



Santa Fe College Rules Manual

Title: **Prohibition of Firearms and Weapons on College Premises** **Rule 3.38**

General Authority: FS 1001.64, Chapter 790

Law Implemented: FS 790.115, 790.06

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Purpose: To prohibit the unauthorized possession of firearms and other weapons by any person on College premises for the safety of the campus community; to provide that all persons report to the proper authorities all sightings of or information about the unlawful possession or exhibition of firearms and weapons on College premises.

Definitions

- A. "Person" or "individual" means a student, faculty member, employee, visitor, or guest of the College, and includes an employee or agent of the College's contractors or subcontractors.
- B. The terms "firearm," "destructive device," "electric weapon or device," and "weapon" have the same meaning as contained in FS 790.001. Partial definitions follow: "Firearm" means any weapon (including a starter gun) which will, is designed to, or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; the frame or receiver of any such weapon; any firearm muffler or firearm silencer; any destructive device; or any machine gun. "Destructive device" means any bomb, grenade, mine, rocket, missile, pipe bomb, or similar device containing an explosive, incendiary, or poison gas and includes any frangible container filled with an explosive, incendiary, explosive gas, or expanding gas, which is designed or so constructed as to explode by such filler and is capable of causing bodily harm or property damage. "Electric weapon or device" means any device which, through the application or use of electrical current, is designed, redesigned, used, or intended to be used for offensive or defensive purposes, the destruction of life, or the infliction of injury. "Weapon" means any dirk, knife, metallic knuckles, slungshot, billie, tear gas gun, chemical weapon or device, or other deadly weapon except a firearm or a common pocketknife, plastic knife, or blunt-bladed table knife.
- C. "College premises" includes all land, buildings, facilities, and other property in the possession of or owned, used, or controlled by Santa Fe College and/or the Santa Fe College Foundation, Inc.

Prohibition

No person, other than a law enforcement officer or other person as authorized by Florida law or the College, shall exhibit or possess any firearm, electric weapon or device, destructive device, explosive, dangerous chemical, or other weapon, including a razor blade or box cutter, on College premises. Other than law enforcement personnel, no individual is permitted to carry firearms on their person or property on College premises, including parking lots, except as provided in the Exceptions listed below. Persons licensed to carry a concealed weapon or firearm are not authorized or permitted to carry such weapons or firearms on College premises.

All persons must report any sightings or information about the unlawful possession of a firearm, electric weapon or device, destructive device, explosive, dangerous chemical, or other weapon on College premises to the appropriate College authorities, including the President, the Provost, the Santa Fe College Chief of Police or Deputy Chief of Police, any College police officer, any Vice President, Associate Vice President, or Assistant Vice President, or any director, chair, or coordinator.

Exceptions

Any exception to this rule, unless otherwise designated herein, requires the approval in writing of the Santa Fe College Chief of Police, who is authorized to institute appropriate procedures for housing firearms or weapons as appropriate. Students at the Institute of Public Safety, where a firearm is part of their instructional program, are authorized to carry firearms in connection with their classes as authorized by the Director of the Institute of Public Safety or designee. Individuals in such areas as Facilities Services, the book store, building construction, as well as contractors or vendor representatives, may use box cutters as legitimate tools to accomplish their work on College premises.

Violation and Discipline

Any person who violates this Rule may be immediately removed from College premises, prohibited from returning, and/or referred for prosecution by authorities for any crime under local, state, or federal law. Additionally, violation of this rule by a student is a violation of the Student Conduct Code, Rule 7.23, and the student is subject to judicial process and sanctions under the Student Conduct Code as well as any criminal sanctions. Prosecution under the Student Conduct Code does not prohibit the investigation by authorities of a crime under local, state, or federal law. Employees who violate this rule are subject to all appropriate discipline, which may include suspension, termination, arrest, and/or referral for prosecution.