Weapons Prohibition on Campus

ROWAN UNIVERSITY POLICY

Title: *Weapons Prohibition on Campus*

Subject: *Public Safety*

Policy No: *DPS: 2015: 02*

Applies: *University-Wide*

Issuing Authority: *President*

Responsible Officer: *Assistant Vice President for Public Safety*

Adopted:

Amended:

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I. PURPOSE

This policy sets forth policies and procedures associated with the "No Weapons" or "Weapons Prohibition" policy on the campus.

II. ACCOUNTABILITY

Under the direction of the President, the Assistant Vice President for Public Safety and the Office of Emergency Management, shall implement this policy and ensure compliance.

III. APPLICABILITY

This policy applies to University faculty, staff, students, employees, and visitors to all Rowan campuses, including those who have a valid permit to carry a concealed weapon.

IV. REFERENCES

1. New Jersey Criminal Code Statue for Prohibited Weapons definition link http://law.justia.com/codes/new-jersey/2013/title-2c/section-2c-39-1/
2. Federal Laws definition link http://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/usao-ut/legacy/2013/06/03/guncard.pdf

V. POLICY

1. Rowan University prohibits the use or possession of any weapons as defined in N.J.S.A. 2C:39-1, in all campus buildings, on all University properties, in all University facilities, and at all University sponsored events. Violators of this policy may be removed from campus, arrested, expelled, suspended, placed on probation, or will be subject to discipline, up to and including termination. Individuals shall be held accountable through the criminal justice system and/or the Campus Hearing Board.
2. This prohibition may not apply to authorized law enforcement personnel pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:39-6, if an exemption applies to carry a weapon on campus.
3. All state and federal statutes and local ordinances regarding the possession of firearms and weapons, including imitation firearms, both legal and illegal, apply on all University property and University sponsored events and any applicable statutes, laws, regulations, and ordinances are hereby incorporated by reference as if set forth here at length.

4. Under New Jersey statutes, "Weapons" are defined as "Anything readily capable of lethal use or of inflicting serious bodily injury." The term includes, but is not limited to air guns, spring guns or pistols or weapons of a similar nature in which the propelling force is from an elastic band, carbon dioxide, compressed or other gas or vapor, air or compressed air or ignited by compressed air and ejecting a bullet or missile, knives, clubs, night sticks, metal knuckles, firearm silencers, armor piercing ammunition, zip guns, chemical substances, i.e. pepper spray over ¾ oz. (See N.J.S.A.2C:39-6 setting out permissible conditions for carrying chemical substances for personal self-defense.)

Please refer to the *Student Handbook* or contact Campus Police for more details regarding the University's "No Weapons" or "Weapons Prohibition" policy.