

OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY  
POLICY & PROCEDURES LETTER

<b>Weapons, Firearms, Ammunition, Fireworks, Explosives and Dangerous Chemicals</b>	<b>1-017 ADMINISTRATIVE July 2009</b>
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POLICY

- 1.01 The students, faculty and staff of Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology can best learn, work and live in an environment free from the dangers and constraints, both physical and psychological, which can arise from the presence or use of weapons, firearms, ammunition, fireworks, explosives and dangerous chemicals on the campus. Therefore, the policy of Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology is to prohibit or strictly regulate the possession or use of any of these items on campus, in Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology vehicles, or on Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology sponsored trips.
- 1.02 Except as expressly provided in this policy, no person is allowed to possess, display or use firearms, weapons, ammunition or fireworks on campus at any time.

DEFINITIONS

- 2.01 Campus shall include any real property, buildings or other structures or improvements owned or controlled by Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology.
- 2.02 Firearm shall mean any device capable of discharging a projectile by gunpowder, gas or other means of propulsion. By way of example and without limitation, firearms shall include shotguns, rifles, handguns, pellet guns, BB guns, flare guns and other similar devices.
- 2.03 Weapon shall mean any object that could potentially inflict injury or harm if used in a threatening, aggressive or careless manner. By way of example and without limitation, weapons shall include archery equipment, slingshots, martial arts devices, swords, bayonets, clubs, knives other than small pocket or kitchen knives, and other similar devices.
- 2.04 Fireworks shall mean any combustible or explosive composition, or any substance or combination of substances, or article, prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or an audible effect by combustion, explosion or detonation. By way of example and without limitation, fireworks shall include firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrockets, roman candles, and other similar devices.
- 2.05 Ammunition shall mean any device which contains gunpowder or any other substance designed to propel a projectile and intended for use in a firearm.

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- 2.06 Explosives and dangerous chemicals shall mean any substance whose chemical properties make them inherently dangerous. By way of example and without limitation, explosives and dangerous chemicals shall include dynamite, blasting caps, plastic explosives, and flammable liquids and solvents such as gasoline, kerosene and propane. Nothing contained in this policy shall be deemed to prohibit the use of chemicals in the normal conduct of classes or facilities maintenance functions, or in the operation of equipment or motor vehicles.
- 2.07 Certified police or peace officers shall include those persons employed by municipal, county, state or national agencies who comply with the statutory requirements for certification as a police or peace officer.

PROCEDURES AND EXCEPTIONS

- 4.01 Police and peace officers employed by Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology and those who have been called to assist or to perform law enforcement duties on campus may possess or use firearms, ammunition or weapons in a manner consistent with professional standards which prevail in the State of Oklahoma.
- 4.02 Police and peace officers, who in their official on-duty capacities and in the performance of their duties find it necessary to come onto campus, may possess firearms. In all such instances, the officers must coordinate their efforts with the Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology Department of Public Safety.
- 4.03 Police and peace officers who have been invited to demonstrate or lecture to a class may carry a firearm, ammunition or weapon on campus. Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology employees responsible for extending these invitations should advise the Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology Department of Public Safety concerning these visits.
- 4.04 Police and peace officers who also are students shall not be permitted to possess or display firearms, ammunition or weapons in class, but may store these items at the Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology Department of Public Safety designated area or in other appropriate places approved by the President.
- 4.05 Certain classes and activities, both on campus and off, involve the use of firearms, weapons, ammunition, dangerous chemicals or fireworks. Authorization and conditions for these classes and activities and other appropriate exceptions will be given by the President.

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