



The University of Montana - Helena
COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

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Policy Title: Firearms and Dangerous Weapons Policy

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Approved by:



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POLICY STATEMENT:

The University of Montana – Helena College of Technology restricts the possession and use of firearms on the campuses of the College. Individuals authorized to carry firearms without prior approval from the Dean/CEO includes:

- Peace officers
- Federal authorities that are empowered by federal law to be armed.

UM-Helena enforces all provisions of the state Criminal Code including those prohibiting possession of firearms as provided by MCA 20-25-308, 20-25-321, 20-25-323, 20-25-324, 7-32-303, 45-2-101(53) and 46-1-202(16); BOR Policy Section 1006.

All UM-Helena college policies shall adhere to and be consistent with relevant federal and state laws, rules, and regulations; with Board of Regents' policies and procedures; and with The University of Montana's policies and procedures.

PROCEDURES:

1. Purpose

- a. To state the policy of UM-Helena regarding the possession of firearms and dangerous weapons within its facilities and premises and the requirements of Montana State Code Annotated and Board of Regent Policy.

2. DEFINITIONS

- a. **Firearms:** Any rifle, shotgun, pistol or revolver or any other firearm from which a shot or shots are discharged by an explosive.
- b. **Dangerous Weapons:** Any gas, liquid or other substance or instrumentality, which, in the manner used, is calculated or likely to produce death or great bodily harm.
- c. **Facilities and Premises:** Real property and immovable property under the authority and control of the State of Montana or Board of Regents of the State of Montana. This includes all parking lots, parking areas, sidewalks and walkways, and alum-Helena owned/leased vehicles and equipment or any off-site premises where UM-Helena is conducting any activity sponsored by the College.

3. WEAPONS ON CAMPUS

- a. No firearm, explosive device, or any unlawful weapon of any kind is permitted on College property or in any College facility or at any College function without proper authority unless one or more of the following conditions applies:
 - i. In the possession of a peace officer in the performance of their duties;
 - ii. Prior approval has been obtained in writing from the Dean/CEO;
- b. Request for having firearms on campus will be approved as follows:
 - i. All requests that involve firearms on campus will be submitted to the Dean/CEO Office 72 hours prior to the event. Requests, which may be approved include, but are not limited to the following:
 1. Use in hunter safety classes;
 2. Classroom or College Center special classes on firearms;
 3. A public demonstration(s) (re-enactment), which would involve the use of **BLANK** ammunition **ONLY**;
 4. A theatrical production, which is under the direction of the Academic Department.
 5. Gun Show promotions that have been approved for rental of College space.

- ii. Other than the Dean/CEO, no UM-Helena officer, faculty, or staff member has authority to grant verbal extensions to this policy.

4. VIOLATION OF POLICY

- a. Any person(s) violating this policy will be required to leave College premises immediately and will be subject to further disciplinary sanctions as deemed by federal and/or state law, Board of Regent, and college policy. Any employee found to be in violation of this policy will be subject to discipline, including immediate termination.