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POLICY: 7-18 Weapons Policy	
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Policy Statement

The possession, storage or use of firearms, explosives of any type (including fireworks), or weapons of any sort is not permitted on campus with the exception of those charged with the job of protecting the college and its population. Any item that is furnished or used as a weapon will be treated as a violation of college policy and any Federal, State or Local laws will be applicable. The term "weapon" includes but is not limited to:

- Any object or device which will, is designed to, or may be readily converted to expel bullet, shot or shell by the action of an explosive or other propellant;
- any handgun, pistol, revolver, rifle, shotgun or other firearm of any nature, including those that are concealed or openly carried;
- any BB gun, pellet gun, air/C'O2 gun, stun gun or blow gun;
- any explosive, incendiary or poison gas (A) bomb, (B) mine, (C) grenade, (D) rocket having a propellant charge of more than four ounces, or (E) missile having an explosive or incendiary charge of more than ¼ ounce;
- any incendiary or explosive material, liquid, solid or mixture equipped with a fuse, wick or other detonating device;
- any tear gas bomb or smoke bomb; however, personal self-defense items containing mace or pepper spray shall not be deemed to be a weapon for the purposes of this policy;
- (7) any knife, commonly referred to as a switch-blade, which has a blade that opens automatically by hand pressure applied to a button, spring or other device in the handle of the knife, or any knife having a blade that opens or falls or is ejected into position by the force of gravity or by an outward, downward or centrifugal thrust or movement;

- any straight-blade knife of four inches or more such as a dagger, dirk, dangerous knife or stiletto; except that an ordinary pocket knife or culinary knife designed for and used solely in the preparation or service of food shall not be construed to be a weapon for the purposes of this policy;
- any martial arts weapon such as nunchucks or throwing stars;
- any longbow, crossbow and arrows or other projectile that could cause serious harm to any person; or
- any other dangerous or deadly weapon or instrument of like character.

Weapons, as defined above, are not permitted on college property unless in the possession of a law enforcement officer, armored car security personnel, college employed security officer or as otherwise specifically permitted and authorized by the Personal and Family Protection Act, or House Resolution 218 (H.R. 218) as amended.

Individuals found to have brought or to have been in possession of any article designed to inflict bodily harm, at WSU Tech, on WSU Tech property or at a WSU Tech supervised activity are subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from WSU Tech. For the purposes of this policy, personal self-defense items containing mace or pepper spray shall not be deemed to be a weapon as long as they are not in contradiction with local laws.