

WEAPONS

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Overview:	<p>This procedure is designed to provide specific guidance and direction on the possession and use of Weapons on the Olds College of Agriculture & Technology (the "College") campus and/or under care, control and ownership or direction of the College or at College events.</p> <p>This procedure has been developed in accordance with applicable legislation.</p>
Procedures:	<p>The College promotes the highest level of safety and security in all its activities. Accordingly, no person, while on property controlled or owned by the College (including, but not limited to Residence), shall store or carry a Weapon.</p> <p>Any College sanctioned activity, while on College property or otherwise representative of the College, that may involve the use or display of a Weapon as defined by policy, must first be brought to the attention of the Vice President, Academic, TAC Director and/or the Director, Residence & Ancillary Services (or designate) and approved in writing prior to the use or display of the Weapon.</p> <p>Exceptions Police Officers, Armoured Transport Personnel or any other individual legally entitled to do so may carry a Weapon on College property but only while performing their lawfully prescribed duties.</p> <p>College students, faculty and staff who use a pocket knife and/or multi-tool to assist with daily tasks are allowed to do so, provided the knife is not illegal in Canada and the Vice President, Academic, TAC Director and/or Director, Residence & Ancillary Services has authorized possession and use of the same.</p>
Definitions:	<p>Ammunition: A cartridge containing a projectile designed to be discharged from a firearm and, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, including a caseless cartridge and a shot shell.</p> <p>Explosive Substance: 1. Anything intended to be used to make an explosive substance.</p>

2. Anything, or any part thereof, used or intended to be used, or adapted to cause, or to aid in causing an explosion in or with an explosive substance, and,
3. Any incendiary grenade, fire bomb, Molotov cocktail or other similar incendiary substance or device and a delaying mechanism or other thing intended for use in connection with such a substance or device.

Firearm: A barrelled weapon from which any shot, bullet or other projectile can be discharged and that is capable of causing serious bodily injury or death to a person, and includes any frame or receiver of such a barreled weapon and anything that can be adapted for use as a firearm.

Prohibited Weapon:

1. Any device or contrivance designed or intended to muffle or stop the sound or report of a firearm.
2. Any knife that has a blade that opens automatically by gravity of centrifugal force or by hand pressure applied to a button, spring or other device in or attached to the handle of the knife (it is the capability and not the design of the knife which determines whether or not it is a prohibited weapon).
3. Any firearm, not being a restricted weapon described in paragraph (c) or (c1) of the definition of that expression in this subsection, that is capable of, or assembled or designed and manufactured with the capability of, firing projectiles in rapid succession during one pressure of the trigger, whether or not it has been altered to fire only one projectile with one such pressure.
4. Any firearm adapted from a rifle or shotgun, whether by sawing, cutting or other alteration or modification, that, as so adapted, has a barrel that is less than 457 mm in length, or that is less than 660 mm in overall length.
5. A weapon of any other kind, not being an antique firearm or a firearm of a kind commonly used in Canada for hunting or sporting purposes, or a part, component or accessory of such a weapon, or any ammunition, that is declared by order of the Governor in Council to be a prohibited weapon, or
6. A large-capacity cartridge magazine prescribed by regulation.

Restricted Weapon:

1. Any firearm, not being a prohibited weapon, designed, altered or intended to be aimed and fired by the action of one hand.
2. Any firearm that:
 - a. Is not a prohibited weapon, has a barrel that is less than 470 mm in length and is capable of discharging centre-fire ammunition in a semi-automatic manner, or,
 - b. Is designed or adapted to be fired when reduced to a length of less than 660 mm by folding, telescoping or otherwise, or
 - c. Is designed, altered or intended to fire bullets in rapid succession during one pressure of the trigger and that, on January 1, 1978, was registered as a restricted weapon and formed part of a gun collection in Canada of a genuine gun collector, and
 - d. Any firearm that is assembled or designed and manufactured with the capability of firing projectiles in rapid succession with one pressure of the trigger, to the extent that
 - i. The firearm is altered to fire only one projectile with one such pressure,
 - ii. On October 1, 1992, the firearm was registered as a restricted weapon, or an application for a registration

certificate was made to a local registrar of firearms in respect of the firearm, and the firearm formed part of a gun collection in Canada of a genuine gun collector and,

3. A weapon of any kind, not being a prohibited weapon or a shotgun or rifle of a kind that, in the opinion of the Governor of Council, is responsible for the use in Canada for hunting or sporting purposes; that is declared by order of the Governor in Council to be a restricted weapon.

Weapon: A Weapon is defined as a device or instrument inherently designed to threaten, injure or kill another living being. This definition also applies to anything that looks like a Weapon, or is being used or threatened to be used as a Weapon. An instrument or device that a reasonable person believes is a Weapon will be deemed to be an actual Weapon and will be treated as such under this Procedure.

Weapons include, but are not limited to:

- Firearms
- Explosives (including fireworks)
- Pipe bombs
- Air, Pellet, BB, and CO2 guns
- Bows - all types, including crossbows
- Cattle prod or any other electric 'stick' capable of administering a shock
- Taser
- Swords, excluding those permitted for the modern sport of fencing
- Martial arts weapons
- Prohibited blades
- Hunting or fishing knives **unless authorized by the TAC Director and/or Director, Residence & Ancillary Services
- Brass knuckles
- Replica or imitation firearms (including props)
- Pepper, Oleoresin Capsicum (OC), Bear Spray
- Any other restricted or prohibited device as defined by the Criminal Code of Canada
- Replica or imitation of any of the above (including props)

Related Information:

E03 Firearms Procedure
 G02 Code of Conduct
 I07 Student Code of Conduct Policy
[Olds College Residence Handbook](#) - Conduct and Sanctions

Related Legislation

[Alberta Trespass to Premises Act](#)
[Criminal Code of Canada](#)
[Firearms Act](#)
[Alberta Human Rights Act](#)

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