

## Firearms and Dangerous Weapons

### **Policy**

In an effort to provide a safe and secure learning and working environment for its students, employees and visitors, it is the policy of the College that no person shall possess, carry or store a weapon on any property owned, leased or operated by Bridgewater College. This policy applies to a concealed weapon for which to carrier has a legal permit, as well as weapons in any College facility or within a parked vehicle on College property or the streets within or adjoining College property. The term "weapon" includes, but is not limited to, firearms of any kind, BB guns, pellet guns, air guns, air-soft guns, paint ball guns, ammunition, bows and arrows, knives (other than pocket knives with a folding blade less than three inches in length), martial arts weapons, and toy, counterfeit, replica, or blank-firing firearms.

### **Exceptions**

1. Any student who wishes to bring to campus a rifle, shotgun, or bow that is to be used for hunting must obtain written approval from the Chief of Campus Police prior to bringing the weapon to the College. The College may refuse any request, place conditions on the approval of a request, or revoke an approval at any time. Upon receiving approval and bringing the weapon to campus, the student shall immediately deliver it to the Chief of Campus Police for storage. The owner of the weapon may check the weapon out of storage from the Chief of Campus Police for hunting, in accordance with procedures established by the Chief of Campus Police, and thereafter shall immediately return the weapon to the Chief of Campus Police. All weapons are to be carried or transported while on College property in hard or soft case enclosures at all times.
2. Any item that appears to be a weapon and that is utilized for any purpose on College property, including, but not limited to, props used in plays and disabled weapons used in class presentations, must be reported to and approved in writing by the Chief of Campus Police and Safety prior to being brought to campus.
3. Members of a criminal justice agency who are authorized to carry a weapon and have official business on campus are exempt from the prohibition of Section 1.

### **Sanctions**

Weapons discovered in violation of this policy will be seized by the Office of Campus Police, and the owner will forfeit ownership. Any student violating this policy will be subject to discipline up to and including expulsion, and any visitor will be subject to being barred from campus.

### **Enforcement**

For the safety of students, employees and visitors, all members of the College community are encouraged to report violations of this policy to the Office of Campus Police.