

POLICY AND PROCEDURES

POLICY NAME: Weapons on Campus	POLICY NUMBER: 1.4.5	CATEGORY: Administration
RESPONSIBLE EXECUTIVE: President	APPROVAL AUTHORITY: SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM	EFFECTIVE DATE OCTOBER 4, 2023
NEXT FULL REVIEW DATE: October 3, 2028	REVISED: October 30, 2023	REPLACES:

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to specifically restrict the possession and use of weapons, firearms or explosives on all campuses of Coquitlam College (the College) Campus

Scope

This policy applies to all members of the College community.

This policy does not apply to:

- police officers, peace officers and employees of armored car services in possession of firearms during the course of carrying out their duties, or
- ceremonial knives carried or used to meet religious obligations and small folding or utility knives used for a lawful purpose that are not brandished, used or worn in such a manner as to reasonably cause concern or alarm.

Policy Statements

1. The College is committed to promoting and maintaining healthy and safe working and learning environments for all members of the College Community through measures to reduce the risk of violence on campus.
2. The College restricts the possession, delivery, storage or use of firearms, explosives or weapons on any College campus.

Procedures

3. Any member of the College Community who observes an individual possessing, transferring, selling or using a weapon and who reasonably believes that the individual has not been specifically authorized to do so by the College will immediately report to Campus Security and/or 911.
4. Campus Security will contact applicable law enforcement authorities regarding any weapons found on campus, and any weapons that are seized will be turned over to police. Individuals found with unauthorized weapons on Campus may be subject to the appropriate disciplinary action and/or criminal prosecution.

POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Definitions

College Community: College Community includes all employees, students, Board members, contractors, suppliers, visitors and any other person present on a College Campus.

Explosive: Any combustible capable of causing injury including but not limited to ammunition, firecrackers, black powder, dynamite, plastic explosives or blasting caps.

Firearm: Any device that shoots a bullet, pellet, flare, tranquilizer, spear, dart or other projectile, whether loaded or unloaded, including those powered by CO2. This includes, but is not limited to, guns, air guns, dart guns, pistols, revolvers, rifles, shot guns, and cannons.

Weapon: Any device designed, or traditionally used, to inflict harm. This includes but is not limited to replica weapons, firearms, slingshots, switchblades, daggers, bows and arrows, hand grenades, hunting knives, explosives; any object that could be reasonably construed as a weapon or that is intended to be used to inflict bodily injury; or, any object legally controlled as a weapon or treated as a weapon by law or any prohibited device as defined by the Criminal Code of Canada, such as pipe bombs.

Related Documents

[1.4.4 Occupational Health and Safety Policy](#)

[2.2.2 Student Non-Academic Conduct Policy](#)

[3.1.2 Employee Professional Standards and Conflict of Interest](#)

[Criminal Code of Canada, R.S.C., 1985, c. C-46](#)

[Firearms Act of Canada, S.C. 1995, c. 39](#)