



## Weapons

In the interest of maintaining a safe academic, working and clinical environment, the use, possession and/or storage of weapons is strictly prohibited on Palmer College of Chiropractic's (College) premises.

### SCOPE

This Weapons policy (Policy) applies to the entire College community, which is defined as including the Davenport campus (Palmer College Foundation, d/b/a Palmer College of Chiropractic) and Florida campus (Palmer College Foundation, Inc., d/b/a Palmer College of Chiropractic Florida) and any other person(s), groups, or organizations affiliated with any Palmer campus.

### DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Policy, the following terms shall have the meanings specified below:

- > The term **“College”** refers to Palmer College of Chiropractic, including operations on the Davenport campus and Florida campus.
- > The term **“College community”** refers to all students, faculty, staff (including administration), clinic patients, contractors and other persons, groups or organizations affiliated with any Palmer campus.
- > The term **“College premises”** includes all land, buildings, facilities and other property in the possession of, owned, used or controlled by the College including adjacent streets, alleys, sidewalks and parking lots. This definition includes student residential housing available on the Davenport campus College premises.
- > The term **“weapon”** refers to any object or substance designed or intended to inflict a wound, cause injury or incapacitate, or results in property damage. A harmless instrument designed to look like a firearm, explosive, or dangerous weapon that is used by a person to cause fear in or assault of another person, is expressly included within the meaning of a weapon. For more information, see the [Administrative Rules](#) below in this Policy.

## *Exceptions*

1. This Policy does not apply to any federal, state or local enforcement officer on College premises performing governmental authorized duties.
2. This Policy does not apply to the legal use, possession, and/or storage of disabling non-lethal chemical sprays when used for self-defense.
3. This Policy does not apply to the use, possession, and/or storage of knives having a blade exceeding five (5) inches for culinary purposes when used by food service contractors in dining areas, breakrooms or in connection with a College sponsored or approved event in which food is being prepared or served.
4. Knives are generally prohibited in student residential housing except for kitchen utensils such as butter knives and bread knives. Knives designed primarily for purposes other than kitchen use (such as switchblades and hunting knives) are prohibited from all College premises. Knives are not permitted on College premises for the purposes of self-protection.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

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Weapons may include, but are not limited to, firearms of any nature, ammunition, fireworks, flares, explosives, incendiary devices, paintball guns, BB guns, airsoft guns, pellet guns, slingshots, martial arts devices, brass knuckles, swords, bows and arrows, knives of any kind including pocket knives and/or tactical knives with blades exceeding five (5) inches, daggers, switchblades, hunting knives, stun guns, tasers or other electric shock devices, and chemicals such as tear gas or oleoresin capsicum.

The term “**weapon**” also includes any devices deemed by Campus Safety and Security to be dangerous including hazardous chemicals; biological materials; or any device that has the appearance and/or function of a serviceable weapon or is being used in a manner of a real weapon is prohibited. Questions about whether a device is covered by this Policy should be

directed to the Senior Director of Campus Safety and Security. Any prohibited weapons are subject to confiscation by Campus Safety and Security, without any expectation of return or reimbursement unless otherwise determined by the College.

The College strictly prohibits the possession, transport, carry, storage, use, display, custody and/or under control of firearms, explosives or other weapons, concealed or not concealed, with or without a concealed weapon permit on College premises or at College events.

Although some state laws recognize that, under specific circumstances, an individual with a concealed weapon or firearm license may carry firearms in vehicles and into parking lots of College campuses, the College, as a private institution of higher education, does not allow firearms on any of its campuses.

### ***Responsibility to Report***

Any person who becomes aware of, or believes, another person is in possession of a weapon on College premises is required to immediately report it to [Campus Security](#). Any person who observes unattended items that they reasonably believe to be a weapon should immediately report it to [Campus Security](#), and provide the location and description of the item.

### **CAMPUS SECURITY**

#### ***Main Campus, Davenport, Ia.***

- > Office phone: (563) 884-5555

#### ***Florida Campus, Port Orange, Fla.***

- > United American Security: (386) 763-2777

## **STANDARD INSTITUTIONAL POLICY PROVISIONS**

Institutional policies are supplemented by provisions that are applicable to all institutional policies. It is the responsibility of all employees and students to know and comply with these standards.

- > [Standard Provisions Applicable to All Institutional Policies](#)

## Additional Information

### **ASSOCIATED POLICIES, PROCESSES AND/OR PROCEDURES**

This Policy is supplemented below. It is the responsibility of all employees and students to know and comply with policies and procedures as supplemented.

### **POLICIES**

- > [CAMPUS VIOLENCE](#)

### **PROCESSES AND/OR PROCEDURES**

- > [Annual Security and Fire Safety Report](#)

### **FORMS/INSTRUCTIONS**

- > [Report a Crime](#)

### **OTHER RELATED INFORMATION**

- > N/A

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