

WEAPONS, EXPLOSIVES AND FIREARMS

Policy Number:

Owner Department: Facilities and Administrative Services

Effective Date: August 27, 2014

I. POLICY STATEMENT/PURPOSE

Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine & Health Sciences, Inc. (SCNM) seeks to maintain a welcoming and safe environment for students, employees, patients and visitors. Toward welfare, safety and for the preservation of property on campus, use, possession, display, or storage of any weapon, explosive device, or firearms is prohibited on College property including all land, buildings and vehicles owned by SCNM. The purpose of this policy is to establish restrictions and to state prohibitions regarding use and possession of weapons, explosives, and firearms including required reporting of violations.

For the purposes of this policy a weapon is defined as any instrument, article, or substance that is specifically designed for and presently capable of causing death, incapacitation, or serious physical injury. This includes, but is not limited to firearms, firearms ammunition, explosive devices, and knives (other than pocket knives). See Definitions below.

The sources used for this policy are: Arizona Revised Statutes [§§ 4-229; 12-781; 13-3101; 13-3102; 13-3103; 13, 105 13-3112](#)

II. POLICY STATUS

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III. DEFINITION(S)

Weapon. Any object or substance designed to (or which would be reasonably expected to) inflict a wound, cause injury, incapacitate, or cause death, including, without limitation, all firearms (loaded and unloaded, simulated and real), devices designed to expel a projectile (such as BB guns, air guns, pellet guns, and potato guns), electronic control devices (such as Tasers or stun guns), swords, knives with blades five inches or longer, martial arts weapons, bows and arrows, and chemicals but excluding self-defense chemical repellents; and as defined in ARS §§[13-105](#) and [13-3101](#).

Explosive or Explosive Device. As defined in ARS §§ [13-3101](#); Ammunition and ammunition components.

Campus. All property owned, leased or controlled by SCNM including buildings and outdoor premises, such as parking lots and other outdoor property.

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IV. SCOPE/KEY STAKEHOLDERS

All persons on SCNM's campus including students, employees, patients, visitors, vendors and contractors

EXCLUSIONS:

Persons excluded from this policy:

- i. Peace officers certified by the State of Arizona and currently employed by an Arizona law enforcement agency performing his or her official duties
- ii. Peace officers certified by the State of Arizona in an off-duty capacity and currently employed by an Arizona law enforcement agency
- iii. Person(s) authorized by College president (or designee) who is State of Arizona trained and authorized to carry weapon(s) in compliance with ARS 13-3112 and whose assigned duties give cause to deter, prevent, or eliminate life-threatening safety concerns to self or others on the Premises.

V. POLICY ITEMS

- A. All persons who attend classes at SCNM, are employed by SCNM, visiting the campus or who otherwise have business within SCNM, are prohibited from carrying weapons, explosives /explosive device and firearms on their person or concealed within their immediate control into any SCNM facility.
- B. This policy applies whether or not a person in possession of such weapon has a permit to carry or possess the weapon.
- C. Pursuant to ARS §12-781, this policy shall not prohibit a person from lawfully transporting or lawfully storing any firearm that is both locked in the person's privately owned vehicle or in a locked compartment on the person's privately owned motorcycle, and not visible from the outside of the motor vehicle or motorcycle. SCNM owned vehicles are excluded;
- D. This policy does not prohibit small quantity personal protection chemical spray devices (e.g., key chain sprays) intended for defensive purposes.
- E. In addition to any sanctions available under applicable law, violations of this policy by SCNM students are subject to sanctions under the Specifically Prohibited Behaviors in the Student Handbook. Violations of this policy by SCNM employees are subject to sanctions under Weapons Prohibited/Consent to Search and Standards of Conduct in the Employee Handbook;
- F. Any visitor, contractor, vendor or patient violating this policy will be subject to being barred from campus;
- G. SCNM students and employees are required to promptly report violations and suspected violations of this policy to the Facilities Department providing description and location of the individual;
- H. Pursuant to ARS §§ 4-229 signs will be posted at the entrances to the campus and to each building. Additional signs may be posted as appropriate.

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VI. RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTATION

- A. Facilities Administration
- B. Dean of Students
- C. Human Resources

Failure to comply with this policy, may result in, but is not limited to:

- A. Removal or ejection from the property by authorized representative of the College or by peace officers;
- B. Suspension or expulsion from the College;
- C. Any other sanction authorized by law or SCNM policy

VII. RELATED DOCUMENTS

- A. Arizona Revised Statutes (ARS) as indicated and linked above
- B. Student Handbook
- C. Employee Handbook

VIII. NEXT REVIEW DATE

As necessary

IX. VERSION CONTROL AND CHANGE HISTORY

Version Control	Approved By/Date	Date Effective	Amendment
1	President's Council/ August 27, 2014	August 27, 2014	
2	Last Reviewed	June 2, 2020	

X. POLICY AUTHOR/CONTACT

SCNM's Safety Workgroup