

POLICY 9: FIREARMS & WEAPONS

Carl Sandburg College is committed to the public safety of the campus. The following policy pertains to firearms and weapons on campus:

1. Weapons and firearms of any kind — except as provided by the Illinois Concealed Carry Act, 430 ILCS 66/65(a-5) (3) and 66/65(b)* — are not allowed on any college property. College employees are not allowed to carry any weapons while conducting college business either on college property or otherwise with certain exceptions (see 2 below).

Any weapon defined in 720 ILCS 5/24-1 (Unlawful Use of Weapons) or 720 ILCS 5/33A-1 (Use of Dangerous Weapons) is prohibited from being carried on Sandburg campuses.

**This is consistent with 430 ILCS 66/65(a)15, banning the concealed carrying of weapons on property owned or controlled by public or private community colleges, colleges or universities. The possession of a valid firearm permit or concealed-carry permit does not exempt students or employees from the provisions of this policy.*

2. Firearms and weapons are allowed on college property and in connection with college business under the following circumstances:
 - a. The weapon or firearm is carried by an:
 - i. On-duty law enforcement officer required to carry a weapon or firearm as a condition of employment
 - ii. Enforcement officer from an external agency conducting official business at the college.

The exceptions to the prohibitions of weapons do not apply to off-duty law enforcement officers at the college, including off-duty law enforcement officers attending classes as students.

- b. Instructors of authorized courses and activities where weapons are the subject of training and classroom activities. Students enrolled in courses where weapons are the subject of training and classroom activities are subject to the requirements of this policy and may not carry or handle weapons outside the supervision of the course instructor.
- c. The weapon or firearm is used in connection with sanctioned classes, athletics or recreational sports practices, games, matches, tournaments or events at the college when the activity requires the use of such weapons or firearms (e.g., fencing, starter pistols, archery, etc.).

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- d. The use of simulated weapons or firearms in connection with college-related theatrical productions.
- e. Persons granted permits or exceptions by the chief Public Safety officer, provided the requirements of the Illinois Concealed Carry Act are met.

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