

Weapons Policy

General Description

Policy Summary:

This policy prohibits weapons on campus.

Purpose:

This policy ensures that we have published information regarding the carry and use of weapons on campus.

Scope:

This applies to all members of the Trinity community and campus visitors.

Exceptions:

Exceptions are identified in the policy.

Policy Content

Prohibited Weapons

The carrying or possession of any type of weapon or firearm on the premises of Trinity University (“Trinity”) is strictly and absolutely prohibited. **This prohibition expressly includes those person licensed to carry concealed handguns (other than those who are licensed peace officers).** For purposes of this policy, the premises of Trinity are defined as any building, or portion of a building, that Trinity owns or occupies, whether on a temporary or permanent basis, including, without limitation, any building or portion of a building Trinity is leasing, and all Trinity-owned vehicles. Any person violating this policy will be required to leave Trinity’s premises immediately. Any employee found to be in violation of this policy will be subject to discipline, including immediate termination. Any student found to be in violation of this policy will be subject to discipline, including expulsion from the University. The only valid exceptions to this policy must be obtained in **advance** of coming on Trinity’s premises while possessing a weapon or firearm and approved in writing by Trinity’s Chief of Police. No Trinity officer, faculty, or staff member has authority to grant verbal exceptions to this policy. For purposes of this policy “weapon” is broadly defined and includes, without limitation, ammunition, explosives, clubs or illegal knives, paintball guns, projectile launchers, BB guns/pistols, facsimile weapons and fireworks.

Defining illegal knives

Section 21-17 of the San Antonio City Code states that: "It should be unlawful for any person to intentionally or knowingly carry on or about his person a knife with a blade more than five and one-half (5 1/2) inches in length, which knife is equipped with a lock mechanism so that upon opening, it

becomes a fixed blade knife."

Section 46.1.6 of the Texas Penal Code states that an "illegal knife" means: Knife with a blade over five and one-half inches; Hand instrument designed to cut or stab another by being thrown; Dagger, including but not limited to a dirk, stiletto, and poniard; Bowie knife; Sword; or Spear.

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