

POLICY LIT.2.05 PROHIBITION OF HANDGUNS AND WEAPONS OF FORCE

SCOPE: Faculty, Staff and Students

In accordance with Texas Penal Code §46.03, Lamar Institute of Technology (LIT) policy prohibits the possession of a firearm, location-restricted knife, club, or prohibited weapon on the physical premises of LIT, any grounds or building on which an activity sponsored by LIT is being conducted, or an LIT vehicle.

1. Definitions

- 1.1. "Firearm" means any device designed, made, or adapted to expel a projectile through a barrel by using the energy generated by an explosion or burning substance or any device readily convertible to that use.
- 1.2. "location-restricted knife" means a knife with a blade over five and one-half inches.
- 1.3. "club" means an instrument that is specially designed, made, or adapted for the purpose of inflicting serious bodily injury or death by striking a person with the instrument, and includes but is not limited to the following:
 - 1.3.1. Blackjack;
 - 1.3.2. Nightstick;
 - 1.3.3. Mace; or
 - 1.3.4. Tomahawk
- 1.4. "Prohibited weapons" include:
 - 1.4.1. An explosive weapon;
 - 1.4.1.1. Any explosive or incendiary bomb, grenade, rocket, or mine, that is designed, made, or adapted for the purpose of inflicting serious bodily injury, death, or substantial property damage, or for the principal purpose of causing such a loud report as to cause undue public alarm or terror, and includes a device designed, made, or adapted for delivery or shooting an explosive weapon.
 - 1.4.2. A machine gun;
 - 1.4.2.1. Any firearm that is capable of shooting more than two shots automatically, without manual reloading, by a single function of the trigger.
 - 1.4.3. A short-barrel firearm;
 - 1.4.3.1. A rifle with a barrel length of less than 16 inches or a shotgun with a barrel length of less than 18 inches, or any weapon made from a shotgun or rifle if, as altered, it has an overall length of less than 26 inches.
 - 1.4.4. Armor-piercing ammunition;

- 1.4.4.1. Handgun ammunition that is designed primarily for the purpose of penetrating metal or body armor and to be used principally in pistols and revolvers.
 - 1.4.5. A chemical dispensing device;
 - 1.4.5.1. A device, other than a small chemical dispenser sold commercially for personal protection, that is designed, made, or adapted for the purpose of dispensing a substance capable of causing an adverse psychological or physiological effect on a human being.
 - 1.4.6. A zip gun;
 - 1.4.6.1. A device or combination of devices that was not originally a firearm and is adapted to expel a projectile through a smooth-bore or rifled-bore barrel by using the energy generated by an explosion or burning substance.
 - 1.4.7. A tire deflation device; or
 - 1.4.7.1. A device, including a caltrop or spike strip, that when driven over, impedes or stops the movement of a wheeled vehicle by puncturing one or more of the vehicle's tires.
 - 1.4.8. An improvised explosive device
 - 1.4.8.1. A completed and operational bomb designed to cause serious bodily injury, death, or substantial property damage that is fabricated in an improvised manner using nonmilitary components.
- 2. This prohibition shall not apply to educational programs or LIT sponsored or approved events in which LIT explicitly authorizes such possession.
- 3. This prohibition shall not apply to possession of a concealed handgun that is possessed in accordance to the Campus Carry policy.

Related Procedures:

Relevant Forms/Documents:

Relevant TSUS Policies/Forms/Documents:

Relevant Statutes: Texas Penal Code 46.03 *Places Weapons Prohibited*, Texas Penal Code 46.05 *Prohibited Weapons*

Relevant SACSCOC Standards:

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