




**Lyndon State College**  
***Policies and Procedures***

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**TITLE: WEAPONS POLICY**

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## 1.0 Introduction

Lyndon State College prohibits the possession and use of dangerous or deadly weapons (concealed or otherwise) on the College campus or at any College-related event.

This policy pertains to all campus areas including, but not limited to, common areas, public buildings, vehicles, and student housing. The purpose of this policy is to provide a safe environment for students, faculty, staff, and visitors to campus.

## 2.0 Policy

2.1 No persons, including but not limited to students, faculty, and staff, shall possess or use, whether openly or concealed, any dangerous or deadly weapon. Under Vermont state law, “a dangerous or deadly weapon” is defined as “any firearm, or other weapon, device, instrument, material or substance, whether animate or inanimate, which in the manner it is used or is intended to be used is known to be capable of producing death or serious or bodily injury.” A “firearm” is defined as “any weapon, whether loaded or unloaded, which will expel a projectile by the action of an explosive and includes any weapon commonly referred to as a pistol, revolver, rifle, gun, machine gun or shotgun.” “Dangerous or deadly weapons” include, but are not limited to, guns, rifles, dynamite cartridges, bombs, grenades, explosives, bowie knives, dirks, daggers, any knives with a blade greater than 3”, sling-shots, leaded canes, switchblade knives, blackjacks, and metal knuckles. Replicas of dangerous or deadly weapons are similarly prohibited.

### 2.2 Exceptions:

2.3.1. A weapon, real or replica, used solely for instructional or College-sanctioned ceremonial purposes, theatrical productions, or conference events. Prior written approval must be obtained from the Director of Public Safety.

2.3.2 Law enforcement personnel who are on campus in the conduct of their duties.

2.3.3 Residents of private residences on the Lyndon State College campus may possess firearms in their own residence, subject to notification to the Director of Public Safety. Firearms may not be carried on College property for any purpose except transportation to and from the private residence in which they are kept. Firearms must be stored so that they are inaccessible to unsupervised minors living in the residence.

**2.3 Violations**

2.3.1 Lyndon State College takes violations of this policy seriously. Any member of the College community who observes an individual possessing, manufacturing, transferring, selling, or using a dangerous or deadly weapon on campus or at a College-related event and who reasonably believes that the individual is doing so without prior approval of the College should report this immediately to the Department of Public Safety. In addition, any member of the College community who observes unattended items they reasonably believe to be dangerous or deadly weapons should report this immediately to the Department of Public Safety.

2.3.2 Violators may be subject to discipline, up to and including termination, suspension and/or expulsion from the College. Violations of this policy may also constitute a violation of state and/or federal law.