

TITLE: POSSESSION OF WEAPONS POLICY
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RESPONSIBILITY: Director Campus Operations
APPENDICES:
CROSS-REFERENCE: Emergency Preparedness Plan

POLICY STATEMENT:

Grande Prairie Regional College prohibits the possession of weapons on its campuses embracing the importance of a safe environment for its staff, students and visitors.

PURPOSE:

To ensure the safety of all staff, students and visitors to Grande Prairie Regional College.

SCOPE:

This policy applies to any weapons anywhere on the Grande Prairie Regional College Campuses.

DEFINITIONS:**Weapons:**

A weapon is a tool used to apply force for the purpose of self-defense, for combat, with an intended result of causing bodily harm as defined by the Criminal Code of Canada.

PROCEDURE/GUIDELINES:

The College will diligently take whatever steps are necessary up to and including prosecution pursuant to the Criminal Code of Canada should an individual be suspected of being in possession of a weapon.

The possession of any firearm, pellet guns, and any other form of weapon identified by the Criminal Code of Canada as dangerous whether carrying or transporting is strictly forbidden on Grande Prairie Regional College Campuses.

This will include individuals who currently hold government issued possession and acquisition licenses. Any violation of this policy will result in disciplinary actions and may be subject to expulsion from the institution whether it is a student, employee or general public.

Should a person require a weapon be brought on campus, the person must make prior arrangements with Campus Operations/Facilities Operations and/or with Security.

If someone presents on Campus with a weapon, all parties involved must be immediately reported to Campus Operations and/or Security.

Exceptions to this policy will include Peace Officers, all members of the RCMP Detachment and armed couriers.