

FIREARMS, WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES

Section: Safety and Security

Policy: In compliance with Georgia law, it is illegal to possess any firearms, weapons or explosives in any University Housing residential facilities.

Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines if a firearm, weapon, explosive, and/or potentially dangerous material is discovered on University Housing property.

Scope: This policy applies to all University Housing staff, students and guests.

Background: It is illegal to possess a weapon in residential facilities. Using, possessing, manufacturing, distributing, maintaining, transporting or receiving the following items in residential facilities is prohibited:

Firearms or weapons defined as the following:

- I. Firearm or weapon whether operable or inoperable are as defined in the Georgia Code (16-11-127.1.2) or any object of like character, including but not limited to: paintball, BB, potato, pellet and air soft guns or any device which propels a projectile of any kind, any dirk, bowie knife, switchblade knife, ballistic knife, any other knife having a blade of two or more inches, straight-edge razor, razor blade, spring stick, metal knucks, blackjack, any bat, club, or other bludgeon-type weapon, or any flailing instrument consisting of two or more rigid parts connected in such a manner as to allow them to swing freely, which may be known as a nun chahka, nun chuck, nunchaku, shuriken, or fighting chain, or any disc, of whatever configuration, having at least two points or pointed blades which is designed to be thrown or propelled and which may be known as a throwing star or oriental dart, or any weapon of like kinds, as defined in the Georgia Code.
- II. Any dangerous weapon, machine gun, sawed-off shotgun or rifle, shotgun or silencer as defined in the Georgia Code.
- III. Any bacteriological weapon, biological weapon, destructive device, detonator, explosive, incendiary, over-pressure device or poison gas as defined in the Georgia Code.
- IV. Any explosive materials as defined in the Georgia Code.
- V. Any hoax device, replica of a destructive device or configuration of explosive materials with the appearance of a destructive device, including but not limited to: fake bombs, packages containing substances with the appearance of chemical explosives or toxic materials.

Procedure:

- I. If a firearm, weapon, explosive and/or potentially dangerous material is discovered in the residential facilities, University Housing staff shall contact the UGA police department immediately at 706-542-2200.
- II. The staff member should notify the area professional/graduate staff and area assistant director and follow the appropriate consulting up guidelines according to the Priority Level 1 crisis response.

- III. The staff member should document the incident immediately, including the police report number where applicable.

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