FIREARMS AND OTHER WEAPONS POLICY

Policy Statement

Students are expected to follow rules regarding firearms and other weapons.

Reason for Policy/Purpose

This policy is required for the effective communication of university policy regarding firearms and other weapons.

Who Needs to Know This Policy

All students of The University of Southern Mississippi community living on campus.

Website Address for this Policy

www.usm.edu/institutional-policies/policy-stua-res-027

Definitions

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<td>Firearm</td>
<td>Any device that shoots a bullet, pellet, flare, tranquilizer, spear dart, paintball or other projectile, whether loaded or unloaded, including those powered by CO2 is considered a firearm. This includes, but is not limited to guns, air guns, dart guns, pistols, revolvers, rifles, cannons, etc., and any ammunition for any such device.</td>
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<td>Weapon</td>
<td>A weapon is any device that is designed or traditionally used to inflict harm. This includes, but is not limited to firearms, slingshots, switchblades, daggers, blackjacks, brass knuckles,</td>
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bows and arrows, hand grenades, hunting knives, nun-chucks and throwing stars, as well as any object that could be reasonably construed as a weapon.

Explosives

Explosives are chemical compounds or mechanical mixtures that contain oxidizing and combustible units or other ingredients in such proportion, quantities or packing that an ignition by fire, friction, concussion, percussion or detonator, or any part of the compound or mixture or gaseous pressures are capable of producing destructive efforts on contiguous objects or of destroying life or limb. This includes, but is not limited to firecrackers, black powder and dynamite, as well as detonating devices such as detonators, blasting caps, timers, incendiary wire and the like.

Policy/Procedures

It is against university policy for residents to possess firearms, ammunition, fireworks, knives, explosive devices, tasers or any such item that can be used as a weapon in a residence hall. Violators will be subject to immediate eviction, in addition to disciplinary action and possible criminal prosecution. High-powered water guns, BB guns, paintball guns and air-soft guns are not to be used in or near the residence halls.

Review

The Director of Student Housing Administration is responsible for the review of this policy every four years (or whenever circumstances require immediate review).

Forms/Instructions

N/A

Appendices

N/A

Related Information

N/A

History

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Amendments: Month, Day, Year – summary of changes
Authorization

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As the Responsible Officer, I have reviewed this policy and believe it represents the current policy.

[Signature]
Edward Goddard, Director
March 22, 2013

Responsible Officer

Date