

EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Weapons Policy

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Kansas Conceal and Carry Law

- ❑ Constitutional right – 2nd Amendment, U.S. Constitution
- ❑ Kansas Law allows conceal-carry (K.S.A. 75-7c01 et seq.)
 - ❑ Individual must be legally eligible to own handguns
 - ❑ Handguns can be carried concealed, but not rifles or shotguns
 - ❑ Private property owners can prohibit conceal-carry on their property
 - ❑ State agencies, including universities, cannot prohibit conceal-carry

Kansas Conceal and Carry Law

- Conceal-Carry Rights on Public University Campuses
 - Cannot ban, restrict, nor interfere with individuals lawfully carrying
 - May not inquire or try to determine whether someone is carrying

- Statute does not allow:
 - Open carry of any gun in buildings
 - Concealed carry of rifles or shotguns
 - Individuals under age 21 to carry (other restrictions also apply)

University Policy

- Compliance with the law
 - Reinforces the right to carry a concealed handgun
 - Does not set conditions or requirements prohibited by law

- Clarifies how handguns must be carried on campus
 - Concealed means no one can tell whether someone is carrying a handgun
 - Handgun can be carried in or under clothing or in a bag
 - Handgun can be loaded, but no rounds (bullets) can be in the chamber
 - Holsters must be used and any external safety in the “on” position

University Policy

- Clarifies storage of handguns on campus
 - Storage is permitted only in personal vehicle or in dorm room
 - Handgun must be out of site in a vehicle and vehicle must be locked
 - Handgun and ammunition must be stored in a gun safe in dorm room
 - No University provided storage of handguns available
 - No storage permitted in personal offices
 - No storage permitted in lockers, closets, or any other location

Policy Violations

- Police and Safety
 - Report any suspected policy violation to Police and Safety (620-341-5337)
 - Police and Safety investigates all reports of suspected policy violation
 - Police and Safety has full discretion to handle situations according to standard law enforcement protocols
 - Policy violations may be referred to appropriate University supervisor or other University official
 - Criminal violations will be reported to the Lyon County Attorney
 - A policy violation is not necessarily a criminal violation

Policy Violation

- ▣ Violation consequences
 - ▣ Employees
 - ▣ Will follow the same disciplinary/review process already in place based on type of employment
 - ▣ Consequences of a policy violation range from no formal action to termination from employment
 - ▣ Students
 - ▣ The process described in the Student Code of Conduct will be followed
 - ▣ Consequences of a policy violation range from no formal action to expulsion

Summary

- ❑ Individuals have a legal right to carry or store a concealed handgun on the ESU campus
- ❑ ESU policy describes how to carry and how to store a concealed handgun
- ❑ Existing processes will be followed to determine whether ESU policy has been violated
- ❑ The consequences of a confirmed policy violation will be determined on a case by case basis

Questions?

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