

AURARIA CAMPUS POLICY



Policy Title:	Weapons Policy		
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Legislative Declaration: The Auraria Board owns and manages the Auraria campus for the use and benefit of its constituent institutions of higher education – the Community College of Denver (CCD), Metropolitan State University of Denver (MSU Denver), and the University of Colorado Denver (CU Denver) – and to facilitate and further their respective educational missions. Section 23-70-106, C.R.S., authorizes the Auraria Board to promulgate rules and regulations for the safety of students, employees and property on the Auraria campus. The Auraria Board finds and determines that the free and unregulated possession of weapons on the Auraria campus would:

1. Create an unreasonable risk to the health, welfare and safety of students and employees and the preservation of property on the Auraria campus by careless or malicious use;
2. Create a climate of fear and intimidation that would distract and interfere with the reasoned discourse and cooperation required for productive learning and working environments on the Auraria campus; and
3. Be inconsistent with the academic missions of the constituent institutions.

Therefore, the Auraria Board adopts the following policy:

Statement of Policy: Except as expressly provided below, the possession of firearms, explosive or incendiary devices, or other weapons on the Auraria campus is prohibited. This prohibition shall extend to all grounds and buildings on the Auraria campus, including the institutional neighborhoods and buildings owned by the constituent institutions therein. It shall not extend to facilities off of the Auraria campus, such as, for example, CU Denver’s Lawrence Street Center, MSU Denver’s North or South Campuses, or CCD’s Lowry Campus.

This policy shall apply to all employees and invitees of the Auraria Board, all students, employees and invitees of the constituent institutions, and all other visitors to the Auraria campus.

“Weapons” include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Firearms of any size or type of construction and ammunition;
2. Gas or air guns, including BB, pellet and paint ball guns;
3. Bows and arrows, and cross-bows;
4. Blackjacks, bludgeons, batons, nunchaku, throwing stars, and metallic knuckles;
5. Swords, pikes, lances and spears;
6. Any knife with a blade over 3.5 inches in length, including hunting and fishing knives;
7. Ballistic, gravity and switchblade knives, regardless of the length of the blade;
8. Fireworks, bombs, grenades, and torches;
9. Shields, poles or other objects that may or are being used to strike, block, push or corral another person; and

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10. Any harmless object designed to look convincingly like a firearm, explosive or incendiary device, or other weapon.

Exceptions. This policy shall not apply to:

1. A peace officer, as described in § 16-2.5-101, C.R.S., when carrying a weapon in conformance with the policy of his/her employing agency as provided in § 16-2.5-101(2).
2. A member of the armed forces of the United States or Colorado National Guard while acting in his/her official capacity and in conformance with general or specific military orders.
3. A law enforcement officer, agent or employee of the United States, when lawfully carrying a weapon in conformance with the policy of his/her employing agency.
4. A person carrying a concealed handgun who holds a valid written permit issued pursuant to § 18-12-201, et seq., C.R.S.
5. A weapon that remains inside a locked motor vehicle while on the Auraria campus, provided that the weapon is unloaded. This exception shall not apply to explosive or incendiary devices.
6. A student, employee or invitee of a constituent institution or an employee or invitee of the Auraria Board who has a legitimate educational or employment related purpose for the possession of a weapon on the Auraria campus and has obtained written permission from the appropriate office and from the Chief of the Auraria Campus Police Department or his/her designee.

Violations. All violations of this policy shall be reported to the Auraria Campus Police Department and the appropriate institutional office. Violators may be disciplined, banned from the Auraria campus and criminally prosecuted in appropriate cases.

Procedures and guidelines. The Chief Executive Officer is authorized to promulgate such procedures and guidelines as may be reasonable and necessary to implement and carry out the content and intent of this policy.