

## POLICY STATEMENT

Subject			Number
Prohibiting Deadly and Offensive Weapons			275.02
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1. **SCOPE.** This policy applies to all persons who are enrolled, employed at, visiting or providing services to Millersville University while they are on university property, or are participating in a university-sponsored activity.
  
2. **OBJECTIVE:** Millersville University of Pennsylvania is an institution of higher learning and an instrumentality of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It is further governed by Act 188 of 1982 which confers upon the Chancellor the responsibility of security at all Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education universities. Accordingly, as a university within the State System of Higher Education, Millersville prohibits the possession of deadly or offensive weapons on properties owned or controlled by the University.
  
3. **PROCEDURES:**
  - a. A deadly or offensive weapon is defined as any device designed to produce death or serious bodily injury. Offensive weapons may be any devices so defined under the Pennsylvania Crimes Code Section 908 (c), i.e., those which serve no common lawful purpose. For the purposes of this policy, deadly and offensive weapons may include, but are not limited to:
    - (1) Firearms, loaded or unloaded
    - (2) Pellet, flare, tranquilizer, stun, spear, or dart guns
    - (3) Knives with blades larger than a small folding knife
    - (4) Any cutting instrument where the blade is exposed in an automatic way
    - (5) Daggers or swords
    - (6) Striking instruments, including clubs, truncheons, and blackjacks
    - (7) Martial arts weapons
    - (8) Bow and arrow combinations
    - (9) Explosive devices
    - (10) Ammunition or components to manufacture ammunition
  
  - b. The definition of deadly or offensive weapons under this policy does not include devices sold commercially such as aerosol dispensers of non-lethal

chemical irritants, small pocketknives, or general tools not designed as weapons and used for their lawful and intended purposes.

- c. This prohibition against deadly and offensive weapons on a property owned or controlled by Millersville University applies equally to those persons who have a government issued license to carry a concealed deadly weapon. Any University employee or student having such a license and wishing to carry their weapon on University property for compelling reasons related to their personal safety must request an exception to this policy by contacting the University Chief of Police. Such requests will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.
- d. This policy does NOT apply to:
  - (1) Commissioned officers of the Millersville University Police Department
  - (2) Duly appointed law enforcement officers conducting official business
  - (3) Members of the United States Armed Forces when in uniform and conducting official business
  - (4) Weapons and ammunition designed for hunting or target use provided they are immediately stored and registered with the Millersville University Police Department when they come on any property owned or controlled by Millersville University. Weapons and ammunition so noted may never be stored in any vehicle or campus building.
- e. This policy recognizes that there may be educational and recreational activities that violate the letter, but not the intent of this policy. It shall be the responsibility of the faculty member or other employee coordinating such activities to secure written approval from the appropriate Vice President and Chief of Police before conducting the activity. Weapons brought to campus for the activities so noted must be stored in a manner approved by the University Police.
- f. Persons who possess deadly or offensive weapons in violation of this policy shall be asked to remove themselves and/or the weapons from University property. In addition, those persons directly violating the laws of the Commonwealth by such possession shall be subject to immediate arrest. Failure to abide by a request for compliance to the campus policy shall subject the violator to prosecution under all appropriate sections of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code. Student violations of this policy may also result in disciplinary action as defined in the Student Code of Conduct, up to, and including expulsion from the University. Employee violations of this policy may also result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal.

- g. This policy is created pursuant to the authority granted to the President of Millersville University under Act 188 of 1982 which grants the President the power to establish policies governing the use of institutional facilities and property, and to perform those actions necessary for the orderly operation of the institution.

Approved by:

October 26, 2004

President's Executive Cabinet

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VP for Finance & Administration