



**WEAPONS ON CAMPUS POLICY**

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**A. INTENT**

The Alberta University of the Arts promotes the highest level of safety and security in all of its activities. The principle aim of this policy is to regulate the possession of any kind of weapon on any property controlled or operated by the Alberta University of the Arts (AUArts).

**B. SCOPE**

This policy applies to AUArts students, faculty, staff and contractors.

**C. POLICY STATEMENT**

**1. General**

- 1.1 AUArts prohibits the possession of any weapon or prop weapon, except as set forth below for use in class/studio and/or with Art Models.
- 1.2 The prohibition on prop weapons does not apply to instances of which all of the following requirements are satisfied:
  - a. The bearer of the prop weapon has written permission from their respective School Chair or a Vice President to possess the prop weapon and the bearer has a copy of the written permission on his or her person at all times while in possession of the prop weapon.
  - b. Such possession or use of a prop weapon is directly connected to an AUArts related event (e.g. class, performance) and the student/audience are made aware, in advance, that a prop weapon will be used.
  - c. The approved prop weapon may be used only during the time and in the manner specified in the written approval.
  - d. Whenever an approved prop weapon is transported from one location to another, it must be placed in a secure container in such a manner that it cannot be observed.
  - e. The individual to whom written permission has been granted to possess a prop weapon must maintain primary custody of the prop weapon at all times

and may not transfer custody of the prop weapon to any person not specified in the written permission.

- f. When not in use for the approved AUArts related event, the prop weapon must be stored securely in a location approved by the Manager, Health, Safety, Security and Environment. Under no circumstances may a prop weapon be stored in an AUArts owned, leased, or controlled facilities other than an approved safety storage area.

**2. Unauthorized Weapons or Props**

- 2.1 The Calgary Police service will be notified in all cases where an unauthorized weapon is found to be on AUArts property.
- 2.2 Campus Security are permitted to confiscate any weapon or prop weapon found on AUArts property.
- 2.3 An individual in possession of an unauthorized weapon or prop weapon may also be subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the University or termination of employment, in accordance with AUArts’ policies, procedures, or employee collective agreements.

**D. DEFINITIONS**

Prop Weapon: Any items that resembles a real weapon but is not a real weapon.

Weapon: As per the “Criminal Code of Canada, R.S.C. 1985, c.C- 46, “anything used, designed to be used or intended for use a) in causing death or injury to any person, or b) for the purpose of threatening or intimidating any person”.

**E. RELATED LEGISLATION**

- Criminal Code of Canada
- Post-Secondary Learning Act

**F. RELATED DOCUMENTS**

- 100. Board of Governors: Code of Conduct
- HSE Management Policy

**G. REVISION HISTORY**

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Description of Change	Sections	Person who Entered Revision (Position Title)	Person who Authorized Revision (Position Title)