

 <p>RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE</p> <p>OFFICIAL POLICY</p>	<p><i>Weapons on Campus</i></p>	<p>EFFECTIVE DATE: <i>currently in effect</i></p> <p>REVISION HISTORY: <i>reviewed 2016/01; no substantive changes</i></p>
<p>RESPONSIBLE OFFICE: Security and Safety Department</p>	<p>POLICY OWNER: Director of Security and Safety</p>	<p>SUPERSEDES: <i>N/A</i></p>

PART 1. RATIONALE

To promote the safety of the campus, this policy sets forth specific limits on weapons on the Rhode Island College campus and at all off-campus college activities. It is intended to supplement R.I.G.L. [Chapter 11-47 – Weapons](#).

PART 2. SCOPE

Applicable on the campus of Rhode Island College and at any off-campus college activity.

PART 3. DEFINITIONS

blackjack	a small, easily concealed club consisting of a leather-wrapped lead weight attached to the end of a leather-wrapped coil spring or rigid shaft, with a lanyard or strap on the end opposite the weight
bludgeon	a short heavy club, usually wood, used as a weapon
bowie knife	a single-edged hunting knife, about 38 cm/15 in. long and curved near the point, with a short hilt and a guard for the hand
dirk	a dagger with a long straight blade, formerly used by Scottish Highlanders
firearm	includes any machine gun, pistol, rifle, air rifle, air pistol, "blank gun," "BB gun," or other instrument from which steel or metal projectiles are propelled, or which may readily be converted to expel a projectile, except crossbows, recurve, compound, or longbows, and except instruments propelling projectiles which are designed or normally used for a primary purpose other than as a weapon [R.I.G.L. § 11-47-2(3)]
metal knuckles	a band of metal with four holes that fits over the upper fingers and that is gripped when a fist is made, used for increasing the effect of a blow with the fist
slap glove	a glove with weight sown into the lining, used as a weapon or for increasing the effect of a blow with the fist
stiletto	a knife or dagger with a slender blade and needle-like point, primarily intended as a stabbing weapon
sword-in-cane	a cane with a hollow shaft in which a sword can be concealed

Additional definitions may be found in R.I.G.L. [§11-47-2](#) and R.I.G.L. [§11-47-42](#).

PART 4. STATEMENT OF POLICY

Weapons, except those worn by law enforcement officers while on duty or used as part of an organized college-sanctioned event, are prohibited on campus or on any college-sponsored activity. A weapon is defined under the [law](#) as a firearm or a blackjack, slingshot, BB gun, pellet gun, metal knuckles, slap glove, bludgeon, stun-gun, any of the so called "Kung-Fu" weapons, dagger, dirk, stiletto, sword-in-cane, bowie knife, or other similar weapon designed to cut and stab another, or any razor, or knife of any description having a blade of more than three (3) inches in length measuring from the end of the handle where the blade is attached to the end of the blade, or other weapon of like kind or description.

PART 5. PROCEDURES

N/A

PART 6. GUIDELINES

N/A

PART 7. RESPONSIBILITIES

Responsible Official	List of Responsibilities
Department of Security and Safety	policy enforcement

PART 8. CONTACTS

Subject	Office or Position	Telephone Number	E-Mail
Policy Clarification	Department of Security and Safety	(401) 456-8201	Security@ric.edu

PART 9. POLICY ENFORCEMENT

Violation(s)	Possession of a weapon prohibited under Part 4 of this policy or under state law
Potential consequences	Violators are subject to disciplinary action under applicable policies and procedures of the college, up to and including dismissal from the college, either as a student or an employee. In addition, violations may be punishable under state law, which stipulates penalties of fines of up to \$1,000 and/or incarceration for up to one year.
Where to report violations	Campus Police

PART 10. FORMS/TEMPLATES/REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

Form, Template, or Document <i>(use hyperlink if available)</i>
R.I.G.L. § 11-47-21 Restrictions on possession or carrying of explosives or noxious substances
R.I.G.L. § 11-47-26 Penalties for violations
R.I.G.L. § 11-47-28 Arrest and detention for possession of firearms
R.I.G.L. § 11-47-42 Weapons other than firearms prohibited
R.I.G.L. § 11-47-45 Arrest and detention for possession of weapon prohibited by § 11-47-42
R.I.G.L. § 11-47-57 "Mace" or similar substances
Violence in the Workplace Prevention (Governing Board policy)