Possession of Firearms/Weapons on University Owned or Controlled Premises (University Policy #12080)

Boise State University
Department of Public Safety
University Policy #12080

- Purpose – to establish policy for the regulation of the possession of firearms and other weapons on university owned and controlled premises

- Scope – applies to all firearms and other weapons on university owned or controlled premises

- Responsible Party – General Counsel and Department of Public Safety
Prohibition

Generally,
The possession, wearing, carrying, transporting, or use of a weapon is strictly forbidden on university owned or controlled premises.

(subject to exceptions, which follow)
Exceptions to the Prohibition

Possession (with proper I.D.) by:
• Full-time sworn peace officer, reserve officer and qualified law enforcement officers (on or off-duty)
• On-duty armored transport personnel

Concealed carry of firearms (with proper I.D.) by:
• Retired law enforcement officers
• Enhanced Concealed Carry license holders
  • Approximately 1,100 enhanced concealed weapons license holders in Idaho
  • Over 21 years of age, pass background check, pass required training
• NOTE: Ordinary concealed weapons license not included
Exceptions to the Prohibition (cont.)
(i.e., Additional Lawful Weapons Carry on Campus)

• A person who has received prior written authorization from the Executive Director of Public Safety

• Members of the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) program, when directed by a provision of the program and with the permission of the Executive Director of Public Safety
Never lawful to carry a firearm on campus when:

• Without possession of an enhanced concealed carry license (or law enforcement)

• Under the influence of alcohol

• Within a student dormitory or residence hall (unless law enforcement)

• Within a building of a public entertainment facility (with a seating capacity of 1,000+ people) (unless law enforcement)
Visible Display of Weapon

The law allows concealed carry only with the possession of an enhanced concealed carry license.

• Visual display of weapons is never allowed

  – Exceptions: ROTC Training Law Enforcement Color Guard Armored Car Transport
Housing Where Concealed Carry is Not Permitted:
(All University Housing)

- Chaffee Hall
- Driscoll Hall
- Keiser Hall
- Morrison Hall
- Taylor Hall
- Lincoln Townhomes
- Sawtooth Hall
- Honors College
- Towers Hall
- Jade Hall
- Jasper Hall
- University Height Apartments
- University Manor Apartments
- University Park Apartments
- University Village Apartments
- Topaz Hall
- Garnett Hall
- Selway Suites
- Payette Suites
- Clearwater Suites
Carry of a firearm in student housing is illegal

- Subject to:
  - Possible arrest or citation
  - Loss of concealed weapons license
  - Trespass from campus
  - Student or employee discipline
Public Entertainment Facility Where Concealed Carry is Not Permitted:
(with a seating capacity of 1,000+ people)

- Albertsons Stadium
  - Stueckle Sky Center
  - Hall of Fame
  - Athletics Offices/Varsity Center
  - Gene Bleymaier Football Center
  - Caven-Williams Sport Complex
- Morrison Center
- Taco Bell Arena
- Boas Tennis and Soccer Complex
- Bronco Gym
- Dona Larsen Park
- Student Union Building
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Items of Note:

• The law allows faculty, staff and/or students to carry (concealed only and with one of the two enhanced licenses), but does not permit the display or **use** of the weapon in any manner

  – Except in prohibited areas
  – All concealed carry or use of a weapon is as a private citizen and NEVER part of an employee’s job or official capacity

• If a weapon is spotted by faculty, staff or student, contact Public Safety at 208-426-6911 or Police Dispatch at 911

• All reports of a weapon on campus will have an armed police response
What Happens at Display of Weapon:

- Police response
- Student discipline for disruption, up to and including expulsion from school
- Employee discipline, for disruption and policy violation, up to and including dismissal
- Trespass from campus
Classroom/Faculty Training:

Cannot ban enhanced concealed license holders from having firearms in class or offices

- Can call police or security when feeling threatened
- Can call police or security if a firearm is ever displayed
Notice and Enforcement

• Signage on buildings where firearms are prohibited
The University is continuing to work on its policies and procedures regarding the possession of firearms/weapons on university owned or controlled premises. We will continue to adjust any policies and procedures as needed in the best interest of our faculty, staff and students.