



# Weapons are Prohibited on Campus

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Weapons are prohibited on campus. In addition to the traditional penal code sections, the educational code and UCLA Policy 131 adds restrictions with respect to campus communities. The following brochure provides information on campus weapons policy and an overview of applicable laws.

## What is a weapon?

A weapon is anything that can be used to hurt or injure someone. Weapons could be any of the following:

- A knife
- A gun
- Pepper spray
- Your hands
- Your feet
- Any available object that could be used to hurt somebody else

## What weapons are not permitted on campus?

Most weapons are not permitted on campus. This list is just a few examples to give you an idea:

- Any knife including a belt buckle knife, dirk, dagger, cane sword, pen knife, lipstick knife, switchblade, butterfly knife or any knife that has a blade longer than 2-1/2 inches, opens automatically or has more than one sharp edge
- Any gun without written permission and in accordance with California Penal Code
- Nunchaku
- Metal knuckles

- Airsoft, pellet, or BB guns
- Any concealed weapon (hidden from plain sight)

## When can I have a weapon?

Some self-defense weapons can be carried on campus within legal limits:

- You can have pepper spray as long as it is for self-defense, not larger than 2.5 oz. and has a “Warning” label.

## What about if I have a knife?

You can have a knife, like a pocket knife, as long as the blade is not more than 2-1/2 inches long, it does not open automatically and has only one sharp edge.

## What happens if I am found in possession of weapons on campus?

The punishment for having a weapon on campus varies depending on the type of weapon. Punishments can be fines, imprisonment, and student judicial sanctions.

## Notice on Airsoft guns

Airsoft guns, often marketed as “toys,” are nearly identical to the actual firearms and often contain interchangeable parts. As such, they are **indistinguishable from actual firearms** and **should never be displayed in public places**. Possession of Airsoft guns on campus is

considered a violation of university policy and may violate applicable laws.

## **WEAPONS RELATED LAWS**

### **626.9 (h) PC – Gun Free School Zone**

Any person who brings a loaded firearm upon the grounds of a University of California campus without written permission is subject to arrest and prosecution for a felony crime.

### **12020 PC – Unlawful Carrying and Possession of Weapons**

The manufacture, import, sale, supply or possession of certain weapons and explosives are arrestable offenses. These weapons include, but are not limited to: a concealed firearm, cane or wallet gun, zip gun, belt buckle knife, blackjack, billy or a concealed dagger. Conviction for any offense under this code is punishable by imprisonment in county jail or state prison.

### **653 (k) – Possession of a Switch Blade Knife**

Every person who possesses in the passenger or driver's area of a motor vehicle or carries on his or her person a switchblade knife having a blade exceeding two inches is guilty of a misdemeanor.

### **417 PC – Brandishing of a Deadly Weapon**

Any person who exhibits a firearm or any deadly weapon in a rude, angry, or threatening manner, or who in any manner, unlawfully uses the same in any fight or quarrel is subject to prosecution and imprisonment in accordance with the specific subsections of this law.

### **417.4 PC – Imitation Firearm**

It is a misdemeanor for a person to draw or exhibit an imitation firearm in a threatening manner against another in a way which would cause a reasonable person apprehension or fear of bodily harm. An imitation firearm is described as being similar in coloration and overall appearance to an existing firearm which leads a reasonable person to conclude that the replica is a firearm.

### **California Senate Bill 1828 – Public Display of an Imitation Firearm**

Any person who openly displays or exposes an imitation firearm (including a BB or pellet device) in a public place is guilty of an infraction for a first or second offense and a misdemeanor for a third or subsequent offense. Certain exceptions apply to manufacturers/importers/distributors and theatrical productions.

### **245 PC – Assault with Deadly Weapon**

Any person who commits an assault upon another person with a firearm or other deadly weapon or instrument likely to produce great bodily harm is subject to prosecution and imprisonment in accordance with the specific subsection of this law.

**NOTE: There are special circumstances when certain weapons may be authorized on campus. Some examples include for use by ROTC, theatrical performances, movie shoots, class instruction, etc. Prior to the event, written authorization to possess a firearm/weapon on campus must be obtained through the UCLA Police Department. Contact the Watch Commander at (310) 825-1526 for further information.**

**For further information regarding weapons on campus, contact Crime Prevention at: (310) 825-6111**

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