

## **Firearms and Weapons Procedures**

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These are official, implementing procedures associated with the [Firearms and Weapons Policy](#) found at [policy.byu.edu](http://policy.byu.edu).

### **Self-Defense Products**

Self-defense products such as sprays, key chains, and tasers that do not fire a projectile are allowed on property owned or controlled by the university. It is advised that you keep the product concealed, know how to use it, be aware of its limitations, and realize it can be used against you.

### **Facsimile Weapons in Classes, Clubs, and Performances**

Facsimile weapons may be used in classes, clubs, performances, or presentations in which a bona fide university need exists if instructors and club advisors obtain approval from the Managing Director of BYU Police and BYU Security well in advance.

### **Criteria for Granting Authorizations for Firearms and Weapons**

In considering requests to possess or use firearms and weapons on property owned or controlled by the university, the Managing Director of BYU Police and BYU Security, or designee, may consider a variety of criteria in his/her reasonable discretion, including, but not limited to:

- whether an immediate, articulable threat to life exists justifying a requestor to possess a firearm or weapon on university property;
- relevant law enforcement or court records related to a requestor, including those related to dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, etc.;
- a requestor's criminal background;
- a requestor's university disciplinary records, if any;
- a requestor's training, certification, or proficiency related to the firearm(s) or weapon(s);
- the adequacy of any proposed storage or access controls related to the firearm(s) or weapon(s) while on university property;
- for requests by university units or programs, whether a legitimate university programmatic need exists, as evidenced by department head approval; and

- the type of firearm or weapon, including its make, model, and serial number.

Written permission granted by the Managing Director or designee may specify, among other things, an expiration date and restrictions or requirements related to safety, access, storage, or disposition.

Decisions by the Managing Director or designee are final and non-appealable.

### **Record-keeping**

The Managing Director will maintain records related to individuals or units who have been given specific written permission to have firearms or weapons on university property.

### **Sanctions**

Sanctions for those found in possession of a prohibited weapon vary depending on the type of weapon and the circumstances. There may be criminal or civil penalties associated with the possession of prohibited weapons. In addition, students, personnel, and visitors may be referred to the appropriate university office to address violations of the policy.