



POLICY

Title: WEAPONS ON MATC PROPERTY	Code: G0301-1
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Purpose

In order to achieve MATC's teaching, training and public service missions, the MATC Board considers it essential that all persons feel safe and free from violence, threats and intimidation when in MATC buildings or attending MATC related functions or events. Accordingly, the Board hereby regulates the possession and carrying of weapons by members of the MATC community and by others when on MATC property and/or property owned or controlled by the college.

Definitions

"Dangerous weapon" means any firearm, whether loaded or unloaded; any electric weapon, as defined in Wis. Stats.; § 939.22 (10); billy clubs, bows of legal hunting strength, metallic knuckles or any substance which would be put to the same use with the same or similar effect as metallic knuckles; a nunchaku or any similar weapon consisting of 2 sticks of wood, plastic or metal, connected at one end by a length of rope, chain, wire or leather; a cestus or similar material weighted with metal or other substance and worn on the hand; a shuriken or any similar pointed star-like object intended to injure a person when thrown; a chain having weighted ends; any switchblade knife, as defined in Wis. Stats., § 941.24; any knife which is designed to be used primarily as a weapon or is used as a weapon; baton of any type; explosive devices of any type; any "look-alike" instrument or weapon (i.e. "b.b. gun," pellet gun), oleoresin capsicum spray (pepper spray); or any other device or instrumentality which, in the manner it is used or intended to be used, is capable of or likely to produce death or bodily harm.

"MATC Building" means any privately or publically owned building on the grounds of MATC or any building that is owned, occupied or controlled by MATC. MATC Building as used in this policy excludes any building or portion of a building used as a parking facility.

"MATC Property" means any MATC building, grounds, recreation area or athletic field or any other property owned, used or operated by or for MATC purposes.

"Student" means an individual taking one or more MATC provided courses or classes, credit or noncredit, or participating in any educational, technical or training program administered in whole or in part by MATC

"Employee" means any individual employed by MATC, including a student employee, when acting within the scope of his or her employment.



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“Visitor” means any person who is on MATC property, except an employee or student.

Policy Statement

No person, whether a student, employee or visitor shall possess dangerous weapons in any MATC building, or at any MATC related event which is posted. Employees are prohibited from carrying any weapon (except as allowed by statute in their own personal vehicle) during the course of their employment. Students are also required to observe the policy and posting of any employer property owner at any alternative site used or visited for college business or instruction. Illegal weapons are prohibited on all MATC property. Any person who is prohibited by state or federal law or court order from possessing firearms is prohibited from possessing firearms on all MATC property.

Violation of this policy shall be *immediately* reported to law enforcement authorities and the MATC Public Safety Department. Students violating this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action which may include suspension or expulsion. Employees violating this policy may be subject to discipline up to and including termination.

Any legal weapons maintained or possessed in a vehicle must be encased and unloaded (except for handguns) and stored out of sight in a locked vehicle. Any person in legal possession of a weapon in an area not prohibited is responsible for complying with all applicable local, state, and federal statutes, rules, and regulations. Employees and students must observe the policy of the employer or property owner at any alternative site visited for college business or for instruction.

Exemptions:

- A. This policy does not apply to MATC’s firearms instructors or students, whether or not they are sworn law enforcement officers, while engaged in firearms training classes or transporting weapons for repair or other training sessions.
- B. This policy does not apply to sworn on duty law enforcement officers acting in their official law enforcement capacity. Sworn law enforcement officers are not authorized to carry their firearm while acting as MATC employees and conducting MATC business
- C. The transportation of firearms for authorized training classes in MATC buildings must be in accordance with Wis. Stats., § 167.31(1g) and Wis. Stats. §167.31(1b); that is, unloaded and encased.



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- D. Persons carrying a weapon, in accordance with A or B above may be prohibited from possessing or carrying a dangerous weapon when such possession combined with the nature of the training creates a substantial threat of safety. Any prohibition imposed under this section must be authorized in advance by the Vice President and General Counsel, or designee. Such authorization may be by means of general order or through case-by-case review.

- E. This policy does not prohibit authorized MATC Public Safety personnel from carrying such equipment as authorized by the Vice President and General Counsel for the protection of themselves and others, as provided in MATC Policy G0300.