



KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY

Policies and Regulations

POLICY TITLE: Deadly Weapons and Dangerous Materials by Students

APPLIES TO: All Students

ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY: Vice President over Student Affairs

APPROVED BY: Board of Regents

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 12, 2026

NEXT REVIEW DATE: June 12, 2029

POLICY STATEMENT:

Kentucky State University (the University) is committed to maintaining a safe and secure environment for all members of the campus community. The possession, use, or storage of deadly weapons or dangerous materials on University Premises or at University-sponsored activities by student/s is strictly prohibited, except as expressly permitted by applicable law or University authorization.

DEFINITIONS:

Dangerous Materials – Any incendiary, explosive, or hazardous substance, including but not limited to fireworks, chemicals, or devices capable of causing harm to persons or property.

- *Explosive devise;*
- *Fireworks including sparklers and smoke devises;*
- *Incendiary devices;*
- *Toxic or poisonous chemicals or disease organisms;*
- *Bomb;*
- *Grenade;*
- *Mine;*
- *Rocket;*
- *Tasers and stun guns;*
- *Other similar device or materials and includes the unassembled components from which such device or any of the preceding can be made;*
- *Any replicas or look-alike Dangerous Materials/Instruments*

Deadly Weapon – Any weapon from which a shot, readily capable of producing death or other serious physical injury, may be discharged, or any weapon that is designed or intended to cause death or serious physical injury.

- *A weapon of mass destruction or dangerous materials;*
- *Any weapon from which a shot, readily capable of producing death or other serious physical injury, may be discharged;*
- *Any knife other than an ordinary pocket knife or hunting knife with a blade smaller than the width of the user's hand;*
- *Billy, nightstick, or club;*
- *Blackjack or slapjack;*
- *Nunchaku karate sticks;*
- *Shuriken or death star;*
- *Artificial knuckles made from metal, plastic, or other similar hard material;*
- *Any bow and arrow; and*
- *Replica or look-alike Deadly Weapons including toy guns.*

University Premises – All buildings, facilities, or grounds owned, leased, operated, controlled, or supervised by Kentucky State University, including adjacent streets and sidewalks.

Zero-Tolerance - Health and Safety Violations - The University has a zero-tolerance policy for health and safety violations. These violations pose a direct threat to the safety, security, and well-being of the campus community and will result in recommendation for removal from campus housing and/or a ban from campus, up to and including suspension or expulsion if a student is found responsible.

Health and safety violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Repeated propping or unauthorized opening of interior or exterior residence hall doors
- Smoking or use of prohibited substances within residence halls or university facilities
- Cooking in residence hall rooms where prohibited
- Covering, disabling, or tampering with a smoke detector or other fire safety equipment
- Repeated violations involving candles, open flames, flammable materials, or prohibited appliances
- Repeated violations of the University's visitor or guest policy
- Failure to comply with lawful directives issued by University officials, including housing and public safety personnel
- Possession or presence of weapons on campus in violation of University policy
- Physical misconduct, including but not limited to assault, battery, or unwanted physical contact

Repeated or egregious violations will be considered aggravating factors in determining sanctions. Willful ignoring of written university directives shall constitute a forfeiture of University Housing if a student is found responsible.

The University reserves the right to take any action necessary to protect the campus community, consistent with applicable policies and procedures.

PROCESS:

PROHIBITED CONDUCT

The following actions are prohibited on University Premises or at University-sponsored activities:

- Unauthorized use, possession, or storage of any deadly weapon
- Use or threatened use of any weapon

- Possession or use of dangerous materials, including but not limited to explosives, fireworks, incendiary devices, or hazardous substances
- Storage of weapons or dangerous materials in residence halls, vehicles, or other University-controlled property
- Any action involving a weapon or dangerous material that endangers or has the potential to endanger the campus community

EXCEPTIONS

Exceptions to this policy may include:

- Law enforcement officers acting within the scope of their official duties (who are also enrolled as a student)
- Individuals expressly authorized by the University (such as an official University recognized program)
- Circumstances permitted under applicable Kentucky Revised Statutes

ENFORCEMENT

Violations of this policy will be addressed through the Kentucky State University Community Standards & Student Rights process. Students are afforded all applicable due process rights, including the presumption of innocence, as outlined in University policy.

The University reserves the right to take immediate action, including Interim Action, when necessary to protect the campus community.

RESPONSIBILITIES

All students are responsible for:

Complying with this policy

Understanding that ignorance of the policy is not a defense

Reporting known or suspected violations to University Officials or University Police

VIOLATIONS

All violations of this policy may be subject to all appropriate administrative and legal action and the Kentucky Penal Code. In addition, student violations are subject to disciplinary and corrective actions including but not limited to expulsion or termination from employment and other appropriate administrative and legal action.

Those who possess Deadly Weapons or Dangerous Material/Instruments in violation of this policy shall be directed to remove their Deadly Weapon or Dangerous Material or their Deadly Weapon or Dangerous Material/Instruments and themselves from the University's property or premises and shall be subject to other appropriate administrative and legal action.

REFERENCES AND RELATED MATERIALS:

K-Book

Community Standards & Student Rights

Housing Contract

Applicable Kentucky Revised Statutes

CONTACTS:

Dean of Students, Interim Vincent Bingham

HISTORY:

Enacted April 27, 2026, as an Interim Policy

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