



Firearms, Weapons, and Prohibited Items Policy

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I. Purpose and Scope: The purpose of this policy is to establish restrictions regarding the possession, carry, transportation and storage of firearms and weapons and other dangerous items on Rocky Vista University properties or areas of responsibilities. This policy applies to all RVU students, faculty, staff, guests, visitors and contractors.

II. Policy Statement: Possession of firearms, ammunition, explosives, fireworks, and/or other dangerous weapons, which may cause fear, alarm, or threat to another person within or upon the grounds, buildings, or other facilities of RVU or at any RVU-sponsored or supervised functions or events is prohibited.

However, if the individual is legally permitted to transport, possess, purchase, receive, transfer, or store the firearm in the state of the RVU location where they are working, studying, or visiting, it is allowable for the firearm(s) to be stored in the individual's private vehicle in the University parking lot. The firearm must be locked securely in the motor vehicle or in a locked container attached to the motor vehicle while the motor vehicle is not occupied; and the firearm is not in plain view from the outside of the motor vehicle. Any employee or student who intends to have a permitted firearm in their vehicle while in the University parking lot must complete a disclosure form, available at the Department of Public Safety and Security. If the weapon is a loaded handgun, employee or student must provide proof on the form that the employee or student has a concealed carry permit valid in the state of the RVU location where they are working or attending school. . In no event may a person store or possess a loaded rifle, shotgun, or muzzle-loading rifle in a vehicle in the University parking lot.

Any person(s) in violation of this policy shall be subject to University disciplinary action and/or criminal charges.

Exception to this policy would be granted to city, state, or federal law enforcement officers on RVU property for official business.



Other Prohibited Weapons or Dangerous Items

RVU disallows the following items within its facilities due to existing RVU policies, fire safety laws, as well as federal, state, and local laws. Possession of any of the following items may result in seizure and/or destruction of the items by an RVU representative and may result in disciplinary action:

- Rifles, weapons, ammunition and related paraphernalia, BB guns and air guns.
- Narcotics, recreational or illicit drugs and drug-related items.
- Explosive materials.
- Realistic replicas of firearms or other weapons.
- Gasoline, kerosene and other fuels.
- Firecrackers and fireworks.
- Combustible decorations.
- Candles, lanterns, incense, etc. (No open flames).
- Toxic and hazardous chemicals, except cleaning chemicals and approved lab chemicals.
- Unauthorized cooking equipment (i.e., grills, toaster ovens, hot pots, hot plates, fry pans, etc.).
- Immersion heaters.
- Any other items that may affect the safety or security of the University.

III. Additional Information:

Employees or students who are aware of violations of this policy are required to report such violations to the Department of Public Safety and Security.

IV. Clinical Rotations:

Students on Clinical Rotations must learn and adhere to the policy of the facility in which they are rotating, as RVU policy does not supersede any outside facility's policies in this regard.

*Nothing in this Policy limits the authority of the university to issue, amend, or withdraw a policy.

(Below for Compliance Office Use Only)

Legal Review Required? Yes No

Date Reviewed:08/17/22 **Name of Reviewer:** Steve Biener



This form can also be found on the iNet under "Forms".

Rocky Vista University Department of Campus Safety and Security Firearms Disclosure Form

I, _____, an employee or student of Rocky Vista University readily disclose that I have a firearm in my vehicle in accordance with the RVU Firearms, Weapons, and Prohibited Items Policy. I understand under the applicable Colorado, Utah, and/or Montana State law, employees or students are allowed to bring a firearm onto University parking lots during their scheduled work or school hours, provided that the permitted **firearm is kept in a locked vehicle, so long as the firearm is not visible.** The firearm shall not be removed from the employee's or students' vehicle while it is on University campus property.

I further understand any employee or student who intends to have a loaded handgun (a live round of ammunition in the chamber or in a magazine inserted in the handgun) in such person's vehicle while on a University parking lot must provide proof that the employee or student has a valid Colorado, Utah, or Montana concealed firearm permit or one from a Reciprocity State. Employees or students who fail to abide by these rules will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal from the University and possible prosecution. In no event may a person store or possess a loaded rifle, shotgun, or muzzle-loading rifle in a vehicle in the University parking lot.

Firearm Information:

Manufacturer _____ Model _____

Vehicle Registration Information:

Year _____ Make _____ Model _____

Color _____ License Plate State _____ License Plate # _____

RVU Parking Permit # _____

Please fill out the following if you have a loaded handgun in vehicle:

Concealed Firearm Permit # _____ State _____

Expiration Date _____

By signing below, I certify the above information is correct; I also understand it is my responsibility to notify the RVU Department of Campus Safety and Security Manager and/or Supervisor immediately should any of this information change.

Signature _____ Date _____

Campus Safety and Security Manager or Supervisor

Signature _____ Date _____