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BOARD OF REGENTS

14. PROPERTY AND FACILITIES

Policy 14.I: Weapons Control

The Board of Regents recognizes that the unauthorized possession of firearms, explosives, and other dangerous and illegal weapons on or within any University of Colorado campus, leased building, or areas where such possession interferes with the learning and working environment of the University of Colorado is inconsistent with the academic mission of the university.

The Board of Regents further recognizes that the Colorado General Assembly, in passing the state laws regarding concealed carry, authorizes qualified citizens to obtain a permit to carry concealed handgun. The Colorado Supreme Court determined that the Colorado concealed carry laws apply to state institutions of higher education, including the University of Colorado, and that the concealed carry laws do not permit state institutions of higher education to prohibit the lawful carrying of concealed handguns in accordance with terms of the laws. [However, the University of Colorado and members of the university community will comply with all state concealed carry laws that prohibit carrying a weapon on university property pursuant to a valid concealed carry permit.](#)

Article 14.B.3 of the Laws of the Regents authorizes the chancellors of each campus to adopt procedures governing the use of university grounds, buildings, and facilities. Regent Policy 8.A further recognizes that the possession of firearms, explosives, and other weapons on university premises compromises the safety of the university community.

In recognition of its obligation to both preserve the learning and working environment and to recognize the rights of citizens to exercise their rights under the Colorado concealed carry laws, the Board of Regents authorizes the enactment of rules lawfully regulating the possession of firearms, explosives, and other weapons. The President of the University of Colorado may enact such rules for system administration, and the chancellors of each campus may enact such rules for their respective campus. The carrying of a concealed handgun in accordance with the requirements of the Colorado concealed carry laws shall not be deemed unauthorized by such rules, [unless prohibited by existing state statute.](#)

Nothing in this policy limits the ability of the University of Colorado to enter into contracts for access to events or facilities that are not generally open to the public that limit the ability of students, employees, guests, or other visitors to the campus to carry a concealed handgun.

History:

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