

General/Student Policy - Firearms and Weapons

Purpose:

Bismarck State College is committed to providing a safe environment for students, employees, and visitors on all BSC campus/state property sites.

Policy:

The possession, display, storage or use of firearms or dangerous weapons on college owned or leased property, and at Bismarck State College sponsored events is prohibited. This shall apply to all faculty, staff and students of BSC and all visitors on BSC property.

1. "Firearms" include any device which expels, or is readily capable of expelling a projectile by the action of an explosive and includes any such device, loaded or unloaded, commonly referred to as:

- Bazooka
- Cannon
- Gun
- Pistol
- Machine Gun
- Revolver
- Rifle
- Shotgun

2. Bismarck State College also prohibits the possession of replicas (firearms) and the use of black powder rifles, pistols, and shotguns.

3. "Dangerous weapons" include, but are not limited to:

- Billy club (any type)
- Bow and arrow
- Blackjack
- Bludgeon
- Crossbow
- Cudgel
- Dagger
- Gravity knife
- Knife with blade 5" or more (12.7 cm)
- Machete
- Martial arts weapons
- Metal knuckles
- Nunchaku
- Throwing star (any type)
- Sand club
- Sap
- Scimitar
- Slingshot
- Spear
- Stiletto
- Switchblade
- Sword
- Tasers

BSC also considers any weapon that will expel, or is readily capable of expelling a projectile by the action of a spring, compressed air, or compressed gas, including any such weapon loaded or unloaded, commonly referred to as a BB gun, air rifle, or CO2 gun; any projector of a bomb; any object containing or capable of producing and emitting any noxious liquid, gas, or substance as a dangerous weapon.

"Dangerous weapon" does not include a spray or aerosol containing CS, also known as ortho-chlorobenzamalonitrile (commonly known as pepper spray); CN, also

known as alpha-chloroacetophenone (commonly known as mace); or other irritating agents intended for use in the defense of an individual.

4. Concealed weapons permits are not valid on BSC property or at sanctioned events per North Dakota Century Code 62.1-02-05.
5. Other items may be considered weapons when those items are used to inflict bodily injury or to threaten the infliction of bodily injury to others.

Enforcement:

This policy does not apply to legally sworn law enforcement officers/officials.

Employees:

Employees will be subject to disciplinary action (for staff—NDUS Human Resource Policy 25. Job Discipline/Dismissal, <http://www.ndus.edu/makers/procedures/hr/?SID=44&PID=246&re=d>, for faculty—SBHE Policy 605.3 Nonrenewal, Termination or dismissal of Faculty, <http://www.ndus.edu/makers/procedures/sbhe/default.asp?PID=55&SID=7>

Students:

Students will be subject to disciplinary action (Bismarck State College Student Rights & Responsibilities), <https://bismarckstate.edu/uploads/2/BSCStudentRightsandResponsibility.pdf>

References:

[SBHE Policy 916.1 Possession of a Firearm or Dangerous Weapon in a Campus Residence](#)

History:

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