

Carl Sandburg College is committed to Public Safety on Campus. This is evident in our mission statement and in our core values. However, the College has never formally adopted a Firearms and Weapons Policy. Mr. Steve Norton and the Public Safety Department of Carl Sandburg College have drafted a Firearms and Weapons Policy that we believe emphasizes our commitment to Public Safety on each Carl Sandburg Campus. It is as follows:

1. Weapons of any kind are not allowed on any college property. Firearms are not allowed on any college property, except as provided by the Illinois Concealed Carry Act, 430 ILCS 66/65(a-5) (3) and 66/65(b). College employees are not allowed to carry any weapons while conducting college business either on college property or otherwise

Prohibited Weapons. Prohibited weapons come in many forms. The following items are some examples of weapons that are prohibited on campus, but is not exhaustive:

- A. Pistol, revolver, rifle, shotgun or any weapon designed or intended to propel a missile of any kind (this includes air soft, paint ball, BB or pellet guns, potato guns and other such homemade devices)
- B. Knife having a blade of three or more inches
- C. Straight-edge razor or razor blade
- D. Spring stick
- E. Bat, club or other bludgeon-type weapon
- F. Nun chahka, nun chuck, nunchaku, shuriken
- G. Throwing star or oriental dart
- H. Stun gun or taser

The intent of this policy is to prohibit any weapon defined in 720 ILCS 5/24-1 (Unlawful Use of Weapons) or 720 ILCS 5/33A-1 (Use of Dangerous Weapons) from being carried on the campuses of Carl Sandburg College.

2. Firearms. Firearms are not permitted on Carl Sandburg College property, except as provided by the Illinois Concealed Carry Act, 430 ILCS 66/65(a-5) (3) and 66/65(b). This is consistent with 430 ILCS 66/65(a)15, banning the concealed carrying of weapons on property owned or controlled by public or private community colleges, colleges, or universities.

The possession of a valid firearms permit or concealed carry permit does not exempt students or employees from the provisions of this policy.

Notwithstanding any of the foregoing, firearms or weapons are allowed on College property and in connection with College business under the following circumstances:

- A. The weapon or firearm is carried by an on duty law enforcement officer required to carry a weapon or firearm as a condition of his or her employment; the weapon or firearm is carried by an enforcement officer from an external agency conducting official business at the College. The exceptions to the prohibitions of weapons do not apply to off-duty law enforcement officers at the College, including off duty law enforcement officers attending classes as students.
- B. Instructors of authorized courses and activities where weapons are the subject of training and classroom activities are exempt from the provision of the Carl Sandburg Firearms and Weapons Policy. Students enrolled in courses where weapons are the subject of training and classroom activities are subject to the requirements of this policy and may not carry or handle weapons outside the supervision of the course instructor.
- C. The weapon or firearm is used in connection with sanctioned classes, athletics, or recreational sports practices, games, matches, tournaments or events at the College when the activity requires the use of such weapons or firearms (e.g., fencing, starter pistols and archery).
- D. The use of simulated weapons or firearms in connection with College-related theatrical productions.
- E. Persons granted permits or exceptions by the Director of Public Safety Department of the College, provided the requirements of the Illinois Concealed Carry Act are met.