



POLICY STATEMENT 96

POSSESSION OF FIREARMS AND OTHER DANGEROUS WEAPONS BY LSU EMPLOYEES WITHIN ITS FACILITIES AND PREMISES

POLICY DIGEST

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I. PURPOSE

To state the policy of LSU regarding the possession of firearms and dangerous weapons within its facilities and premises and the requirements of Louisiana Revised Statutes 14:95.2 (Carrying a firearm by a student or nonstudent on school property or firearm-free zone) and 14:95.6 (Firearm-free zone; notice; signs; crime; penalties).

II. DEFINITIONS

- A. Firearms. Any rifle, shotgun, pistol or revolver or any other firearm from which a shot or shots are discharged by an explosive.
- B. Dangerous Weapons. Any gas, liquid or other substance or instrumentality, which, in the manner used, is calculated or likely to produce death or great bodily harm.
- C. Facilities and Premises. Real property and immovable property under the authority and control of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College.
- D. Firearm-free zone. An area inclusive of any university campus and within one thousand feet of such university campus as defined by R. S. 14:95.6.

III. POLICY

LSU enforces all provisions of the state Criminal Code including those prohibiting possession of firearms within a firearms free zone as provided at R. S. 14:95.2.

As it relates to universities, R. S. 14:95.2 prohibits the carrying of a firearm by a student or nonstudent on university property and is defined as the intentional possession of any firearm on one's person, on a university campus, within one thousand feet of a university campus or on a school bus. The penalty upon conviction is imprisonment at hard labor for not more than five years. The statute does not apply to:

- A. Federal, state or local law enforcement officer in performance of official duties.
- B. School official or employee acting during the normal course of their employment or a student acting under the direction of such school official or employee.

- C. If on private property or within a private residence within one thousand feet of university property; however, LSU prohibits the possession of firearms or other dangerous weapons within the campus residences of its employees living on the campus.
- D. If in accordance with a concealed handgun permit issued pursuant to R. S. 40:1379.1.
- E. Constitutionally protected activities which cannot be regulated by the state such as a firearm contained entirely within a motor vehicle.

In addition to such criminal penalties as may be imposed, the unlawful use, possession or carrying of a firearm or dangerous weapon within LSU facilities and premises by an employee shall be cause for termination of employment.

Further, otherwise legal possession or use of a firearm by an employee in a manner which reasonably endangers the safety of others shall be cause for disciplinary action by LSU.