

Keeping You Safe

At the University of Georgia Police Department we are constantly striving to fulfill our mission of providing a safe and secure environment for students, faculty, staff, and visitors. Enforcing laws is only one way that we work to achieve our goals. We also educate the University community about ways to better prevent victimization, and we disseminate information about laws that may affect those who are on University property. Our hope is that the information in this brochure will help you better understand Georgia laws regarding weapons on campus.

Where Does it Apply?

This law applies to any School Safety Zone in the State of Georgia. School Safety Zones are defined as being on or within 1,000 feet of any property owned or leased by any public or private elementary or secondary school, school board, technical school, vocational school, college, or university. ***This means that the University of Georgia is a School Safety Zone, and weapons are prohibited from all UGA property.*** This includes dorms, vehicles, and fraternity and sorority houses.

What is a Weapon?

All of the following are considered to be weapons:

- Pistol, revolver, or any weapon designed or intended to propel a missile of any kind (this includes air soft, paintball, BB or pellet guns, potato guns, and other such homemade devices)
- Knife having a blade of two or more inches
- Straight-edge razor or razor blade
- Spring stick
- Bat, club, or other bludgeon-type weapon
- Nun chahka, nun chuck, nunchaku, shuriken
- Throwing star or oriental dart
- Stun gun or taser



What is Zero Tolerance?

"Zero Tolerance" or Georgia Code 16-11-127.1 is the Georgia law that makes it a felony to possess a weapon in a School Safety Zone. Violators convicted of breaking this law may be punished by imprisonment up to ten years, a fine of up to \$10,000.00, or both.



Please remember that these are only a few examples of weapons that are illegal on campus. For the complete list see OCGA 16-11-127.1



Other Considerations

A student may be suspended or expelled from the University of Georgia for possessing, manufacturing, distributing, maintaining, transporting, or receiving any of the following materials while in the residence halls or at any residence hall activities:

- 1) A firearm or weapon, whether operable or inoperable (OCGA 16-11-127.1)
- 2) Any dangerous weapon such as a machine gun, sawed-off shotgun, shotgun, rifle or silencer (OCGA 16-11-121)



- 3) Any bacteriological weapon, destructive device, detonator, explosive, incendiary, over-pressure device, or poison gas (OCGA 16-7-80)
- 4) Any explosive materials (OCGA 16-7-81)
- 5) Any hoax device, replica of a destructive device, such as a fake bomb, or packages which give the appearance that they may contain chemical explosives or toxic materials



Paintball guns, knives with blades two or more inches long, and potato guns are among those items prohibited on campus

Contact Us

Please contact the University of Georgia Police Department Crime Prevention Bureau if you have any questions or if you are interested in any of the wide range of educational programs we offer to the University of Georgia community. We can be reached at 706-542-0104 or online at www.police.uga.edu.

Weapons on ~~Zero Tolerance~~ Campus



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