

WEAPONS / FIREARMS

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Objective:	The purpose of this Policy is to provide safety and security for all members of the Olds College of Agriculture & Technology (the "College") community; to ensure compliance with applicable legislation; and to provide specific guidance and direction on the possession and use of Weapons while on property under care, control and ownership or direction of the College or at College events.
Policy:	<p>The College strives to provide a safe environment for students, staff and faculty. Considering the potential for harm, the College prohibits Weapons on its campus unless authorized as outlined in this policy.</p> <p>Authorization Any College sanctioned activity, while on College property or otherwise representative of the College, that may involve use or display of a Weapon as defined in this policy, must first be brought to the attention of the Vice President, Academic and/or TAC Director (or designate) and approved in writing prior to the use or display of the Weapon.</p> <p>Exemptions Police Officers, Armoured Transport Personnel and/or any other individual legally entitled to do so, may carry a Weapon on College property but only while performing their lawfully prescribed duties.</p> <p>College students, faculty and staff who use a pocket knife and/or multi-tool to assist with daily tasks are allowed to do so, provided the knife is not illegal in Canada and the individuals' manager/instructor has authorized possession and use of the same.</p> <p>A list of restricted knives includes any knife that opens automatically i.e. switchblade or butterfly knife; push daggers and blades hidden inside other objects like pens and belt buckles. Gravity knives are not allowed under any circumstances.</p>
Related Information:	Criminal Code of Canada - Section 244 Bill C68

	Olds College Residence Handbook - Conduct and Sanctions
Related Procedures:	E03 Weapons Procedure E03 Firearms Procedure G02 Code of Conduct I07 Student Code of Conduct Policy
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