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## Promotion of Weapon-Free Campuses

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<sup>1</sup> Policy Owner: Head(s) of Responsibility Centre(s) in which the policy functions.

<sup>2</sup> Policy Curator: Administrative head of the division responsible for the implementation and maintenance of the policy



## **POLICY ON THE PROMOTION OF WEAPON-FREE CAMPUSES**

**As approved by SU Council on 13 September 2010**

### **Introduction**

Stellenbosch University (SU) wants to ensure safe, weapon-free campuses for all staff members, students and visitors. Violating this policy on weapon-free campuses will lead to disciplinary and/or legal action. This policy specifically applies to the Stellenbosch, Tygerberg and Bellvillepark campuses.

### **Objective**

The objective of the policy is to influence behaviour in promoting safety and security, and guides the behaviour of the broader campus community towards the promotion of campuses that are free of dangerous weapons. The policy applies to all staff members and students of SU as well as visitors to the University's campuses mentioned above.

### **Execution**

The execution of the policy is described in the operational procedures drafted, communicated, applied and reviewed by the Division Risk and Protection Services (R&BS).

### **Provisions**

1. In principle, SU is strongly opposed to dangerous weapons being carried on campus, but acknowledges the right of an individual to own a weapon for self-defence, for sports purposes, as part of a collection or for the performance of official duties such as policing or for armed safety services.
2. Dangerous weapons are broadly defined as all categories of firearms, as defined in the Firearms Control Act (Act 60 of 2000), as well as explosive devices and sharp objects such as knives, swords or sharpened tools with the intent to threaten or injure someone.
3. SU is committed to compliance with the Firearms Control Act (Act 60 of 2000) and amendments to that Act.

4. Dangerous weapons on campus are undesirable and carrying, displaying, concealing, storing or using such weapons on campus, on or in any University property and in vehicles is strongly condemned by SU.
5. Where there is an exceptional reason or motivation for a member of the campus community to carry, display, conceal, store or use a dangerous weapon on campus, prior written permission must be obtained from the Head: R&BD, or a person mandated by him or her, after submission of full motivations in writing.
6. The Head: R&BD will attempt to accommodate exceptional requests on merit, but should this not be possible, the Head: R&BD, or a person mandated by him or her, has the authority to deny the weapon carrier access to the campuses.
7. Any person who refuse to apply for permission or who does not follow an instruction from the Head: R&BD, or a person mandated by him or her, to remove the weapon from the campus may be prosecuted. Prosecution may include a charge of trespassing and/or a charge in terms of the Firearms Control Act (Act 60 of 2000) against the person concerned.
8. Serving members of the SA Police Service and staff members of armed reaction and cash-in-transit companies are excluded from these restrictions if they access the campuses in the performance of their official duties.
9. Pepper and aerosol sprays used for personal protection and self-defence are allowed on campuses. This includes devices that are generally accepted and used as self-defence devices and that do not require a licence. Electronic devices that are used to intoxicate or incapacitate and those that need to be licensed are regarded as weapons, and are not allowed on campuses. Abuse or unauthorised use of items that are allowed will also be dealt with in terms of the University's disciplinary procedures and/or national legislation.

**Contact person**

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