



# University of New Haven

## POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

### Policy No: 8001

**Responsible Office:** Public Safety and Administrative Services

**Responsible Official:** Chief of Police or designee

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### Introduction:

The University of New Haven is committed to maintaining a safe and secure environment for all community members.

#### 8001.1 Scope

All members of the University of New Haven community, including faculty, staff, and students, as well as visitors, are prohibited from possessing, using, or attempting to use firearms, explosives or weapons (hereafter collectively referred to as "weapons") on the premises of the University or in any building under University control or at any University-sponsored event without the explicit authorization of the University of New Haven's Chief of Police, or designee whether or not a federal or state license to possess the same has been issued to the possessor.

#### 8001.2 Definitions

**Firearm:** Any device that shoots a bullet, pellet, flare, tranquilizer, spear dart, paintball or other projectile, whether loaded or unloaded, including those powered by CO2. This includes, but is not

limited to, guns, air guns, dart guns, pistols, revolvers, rifles, cannons, etc, and any ammunition for any such device.

**Weapon:** A weapon is any object or substance which under the circumstances in which it is used is capable of causing injury, including without limitation, all firearms, facsimile firearms, ammunition, firearms accessories, empty holsters and magazines, electronic defense weapons, martial arts weapons, paintball guns, air guns, switchblade knives, or any knives with blades four or more inches in length, swords, bows and arrows, hand grenades, brass knuckles, sling shots, dangerous materials and chemicals such as "CN based mace" or teargas, but excluding normally available over-the-counter oleoresin capsicum based sprays.

**Explosives:** Any chemical compound or mechanical mixture that contains any oxidizing and combustible units, or other ingredients, in such proportion, quantities or packing that an ignition by fire, friction, concussion, percussion, or detonator, or any part of the compound or mixture, may cause a sudden generation of highly heated gases that results in gaseous pressures capable of producing destructive efforts on contiguous objects or of destroying life or limb. This includes, but is not limited to, fireworks, firecrackers, black powder, dynamite, etc. as well as detonating devices such as detonators, blasting caps, timers, incendiary wire and the like.

## 8001.3 Policy Statement

### Policy Provisions

It is prohibited to possess weapons on property owned or controlled by The University of New Haven or at any University -sponsored event without the explicit authorization of the Chief of Police, or design, even if a federal or state license to possess the same has been issued to the possessor.

The only exceptions to this policy are as follows:

All Connecticut police officers and sworn members of other agencies, including Federal agencies such as the FBI, DEA, and ATF in compliance with their professional designation who are actively employed by a law enforcement agency that has a work-related off-duty firearm carry requirement. All officers

falling within this exception must also carry their department identification card as well as their department badge/shield. It is recognized that these officers/agents are duty-bound to carry their assigned weapons, the University of New Haven Police Department needs to be notified of these armed officers on campus should a complaint or event occur. All sworn members of other agencies are required to fill out this attached form ([UNHPD firearms carry request form](#)) if they will be armed on university property.

Persons in the military performing their official duties to the extent they are legally permitted to possess weapons and with proper display of badge/authority. It is recognized that these military personnel are duty-bound to carry their assigned weapons, the University of New Haven Police Department needs to be notified of these armed military members on campus should a complaint or event occur. All sworn members of other agencies are required to fill out this attached form ([UNHPD firearms carry request form](#)) if they will be armed on university property.

Licensed faculty or staff who will be using weapons for training purposes - Such use **must** have received prior written approval by their College Dean, Provost, and Chief of Police, or designee.

University sanctioned groups or events where a particular weapon(s) is a required part of the curriculum or activity, i.e. martial arts classes/clubs; fencing classes/clubs; theatrical events, etc. Such use **must** have received prior written approval by their College Dean, Provost, and Chief of Police, or designee.

**All University community members should immediately report unauthorized weapons to the University of New Haven Police Department at [203 932-7070](tel:2039327070).**

Anyone possessing a weapon other than those in the exception categories will be asked to remove them from the campus or event immediately. They may also be subject to arrest and/or disciplinary action as discussed below. Exceptions to this policy **must** be requested in writing to the Chief of Police, or designee. Only under the most unusual circumstance would an exception be granted. Questions about the applicability of this policy to specific items may also be directed to the Chief of Police, or designee.

Any student, faculty, or staff member violating this policy shall be subject to the disciplinary policies and procedures applicable to students, faculty, or staff. These measures may include up to and including termination from employment and/or expulsion from the University.

Additionally, possession of unlicensed firearms or weapons may lead to criminal prosecution by the appropriate jurisdiction.