

**TRI-COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE
STATEMENT OF POLICY**

POLICY NUMBER: 3-2-1062

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POLICY TITLE: Weapons on Campus

**RELATED POLICIES
AND PROCEDURES:** None

**ADMINISTRATIVE
RESPONSIBILITY:** Vice President for Business Affairs

July 1, 2004

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October 5, 2015

**DATE APPROVED BY
AREA COMMISSION**

DATE LAST REVIEW

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To ensure a safe and secure environment for all members of the campus community, the carrying of firearms and/or other weapons is restricted on any and all premises or property owned, operated, or controlled by Tri-County Technical College. Weapons may be defined as knives, swords, slingshots, brass knuckles, razors, or other objects or devices which may be used to inflict bodily injury or death, in assembled or unassembled condition.

Notwithstanding the above restriction, salaried law enforcement officers of a municipal, county, state, or federal law enforcement agency are permitted to have a firearm on their person when on campus and when dressed in official uniform. Plain-clothes, salaried law enforcement officers are required to wear their firearms in a concealed manner.

The South Carolina Code of laws 16-23-420(a), addressing the carrying of a weapon on campus, states: "It is unlawful for a person to possess a firearm of any kind on any premises or property owned, operated, or controlled by a private or public school, without the express permission of the authorities in charge of the premises or property."

The provisions of the statute referenced above do not apply to a person who is authorized to carry a concealed weapon pursuant to "The Law-Abiding Citizens Self-Defense Act of 1996" when the weapon remains inside an attended or locked motor vehicle and is secured in a closed glove compartment, closed console, closed trunk, or in a closed container secured by an integral fastener and transported in the luggage compartment of the vehicle.

The possession or use on campus of dangerous weapons, incendiary devices, or explosives will be controlled as designated in System Policy 3-2-106 Student Code and Grievance, System Procedures 3-2-106.1 The Student Code for the South Carolina Technical College System and 3-2-106.2 The Student Grievance Procedure for the South Carolina Technical College System (in the case of students); or System policy 8-5-100 Disciplinary Action, and System Procedure 8-5-100.1 Disciplinary Action (in the case of employees).