

## **FIREARMS AND WEAPONS POLICY**

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### **Policy Statement**

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All members of the American University in Cairo (“AUC” or “the University”) community, as well as visitors, are prohibited from possessing firearms, explosives or weapons (hereafter referred to as “weapons”) on the premises of the University without the explicit advance authorization of the University, regardless of any license to possess the same has been issued to the possessor.

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### **Reason for Policy/Purpose**

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The University is committed to maintaining a safe and secure environment to conduct educational and research activities. This policy is a proactive step towards reducing the risk of injury or death associated with intentional or accidental use of weapons.

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### **Who Approved This Policy**

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Mr. Brian MacDougall, Executive Vice President for Administration and Finance  
Gen. Mohamed Ebeid, Executive Director for Safety and Security

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### **Who Needs to Know This Policy**

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AUC community and visitors.

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### **Web Address for this Policy**

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[University Policies](#)

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## Contacts

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Responsible University Official: Executive Director for Safety and Security

Responsible University Office: Safety and Security Office

If you have any questions on the policy or procedure for firearms and weapons policy, you may:

1. Call New Cairo campus Security Office at 2615-4444 or Tahrir Square campus Security Office at 2615-6666
2. Send an e-mail to [aucsecurity@aucegypt.edu](mailto:aucsecurity@aucegypt.edu)

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## Definitions

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Term (alphabetical order)	Definition as it relates to this policy
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 or detonation by fire, friction, concussion, percussion, static, RF (radio frequency) energy 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, firecrackers, black powder, dynamite, plastic explosive, or any improvised compound with the same properties etc. as well as detonating devices such as detonators, blasting caps, timers, incendiary wire and the like.
Firearm	Any device that shoots a bullet, pellet, flare, tranquilizer, spear dart, 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, shot guns, cannons, and plastic firearms made with 3-D printers and copying technology, and any ammunition for any such device.
University community	Students, faculty and staff

Weapon	Any device that is designed to or traditionally used to inflict harm. This includes, but is not limited to: 1) firearms, slingshots, switchblades, daggers, blackjacks, brass knuckles, bows and arrows, hand grenades, hunting knives, nun-chucks, throwing stars, etc.; 2) any object that could be reasonably construed as a weapon; or 3) any object legally controlled as a weapon or treated as a weapon under the laws of the jurisdiction in which the University premises is located.
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## **Policy/Procedures**

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All faculty, staff, students and visitors to the University are strictly prohibited from possessing firearms, ammunition for any caliber of firearm, explosives or weapons (hereafter referred to as “weapons”) on the premises of the university without the explicit advance authorization of the university, regardless of any license to possess the same has been issued to the possessor.

Anyone possessing a weapon will be asked to remove it from the University premises immediately. They may also be subject to disciplinary action.

This Policy permits lawful possession, use and storage of weapons that falls within the scope of a person’s employment at the University. For example, this Policy does not prohibit the authorized possession, use and storage of radioactive materials and the like in connection with laboratory research, or the authorized possession, use and storage of knives in connection with food preparation or consumption; or the authorized use, possession and storage of saws and the like by Facilities Management employees or contractors.

Exceptions to this policy might be granted to University sanctioned groups or events where a particular weapon is a required part of the curriculum or activity, for example, martial arts classes/clubs; fencing classes/clubs; theatrical events, etc.. Persons subject to this exemption must obtain the explicit advance authorization of the University by making written application to the Executive Director of Safety and Security.

Possession of imitation or replica weapon on University premises or at University activities or events are prohibited except as specifically authorized by University Safety and Security Office.

Exceptions to this policy must be requested in writing to the Executive Director of Safety and Security. Only under the most unusual circumstance will a request for an exception be granted.

Any student, faculty or staff member violating this policy shall be subject to the disciplinary policies and procedures applicable to students, faculty or staff.

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## **Related Information**

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[Student Conduct Booklet](#) (see University Policies)

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**History/Revision Dates**

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