Monash University Policy

Policy Title | Weapons on Campus Policy
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Policy Owner | Director Services, Buildings and Property Division
Category | Operational
Version Number | 2.1 (amendments effective 2 May 2019)
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Scope | This policy applies to all staff and students of:
- Monash University at the university’s Australian campuses, Residences and off-campus facilities; and
- Monash College Pty Ltd business units at the university’s Australian campuses.
Purpose | To prohibit the possession, carriage and use of weapons on university property.

**POLICY STATEMENT**

Monash University seeks to provide a safe and non-threatening campus community environment for all. To this end, the possession, carriage and/or use of weapons on campus are not permitted.

Supporting Procedures | Weapons on Campus Procedures
Responsibility for implementation | Executive Director, Buildings and Property Division
Status | Revised
Approval Body | Name: Chief Operating Officer and Senior Vice-President
| Date: 15 May 2017
Endorsement Body | Name: Executive Director, Buildings and Property Division
| Date: 3 May 2017
Definitions | Campus: Means any property owned or occupied by Monash University, either wholly or in part, and includes: all buildings, student and staff residences and all land clearly defined and or associated with these.
| Carriage: Includes the carriage of that weapon either as a whole or in parts and either by one person or more than one person.
| Delegate: In the case of a general exemption, means a person or persons acting temporarily in the University Security Manager role (during incumbent’s absence) or who has been authorised by the University Security Manager to consider and or determine a request for a weapons exemption on a particular campus. In the case of a sporting exemption, means a person or persons acting temporarily in the Director TeamMONASH role (during incumbent’s absence) or...
who has been authorised by the Director TeamMONASH to consider and/or determine a request for a weapons exemption on a particular campus.

**Director, TeamMONASH**: The person appointed by the university to that role.

**Possession**: Includes: (a) actual physical possession of the weapon, or (b) custody or control of the weapon, or (c) having and exercising access to the weapon, either solely or in common with others.

**University Security Manager**: The person appointed by the university to that role.

**Use**: To employ the weapon for some purpose; put into service

**Weapon**: A weapon has the same meaning as that defined at law under the provisions of the Firearms Act 1996 (Vic) and the Control of Weapons Act 1990 (Vic) as amended, and includes, but is not limited to, each of the following items: firearm and imitation firearm, ammunition, spear gun, baton, knives (including: flick knife, knuckle knife, butterfly knife, hunting knife, or dagger), sword, spear, crossbow, blow gun, catapult, knuckle duster, martial arts weaponry, and articles designed to discharge, such as capsicum, mace or similar.

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