

BP 1.17 Weapons on Campus

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Policy

McDowell Technical Community College (MTCC) promotes a safe and secure environment in which to learn and work.

N.C.G.S § 14-269.2 generally prohibits carrying a “weapon” either openly or concealed on community college property. A “weapon” includes firearms, explosives, BB guns, stun guns, air rifle or pistol, and certain types of knives or other sharp instruments. However, the General Assembly has enacted a limited exception to that general prohibition (S.L. 2013-369, sec. 2; HB 937; N.C.G.S. § 14-269.2(k)) stating:

A firearm is permissible on a community college campus only under the following limited circumstances:

1. The firearm is a handgun; AND
2. The individual has a valid concealed handgun permit or is exempt from the law requiring a permit; AND
3. The handgun remains in either: a closed compartment or container within the individual with the permit’s locked vehicle; or a locked container securely affixed to the individual with the permit’s locked vehicle; AND
4. The vehicle is only unlocked when the individual with the permit is entering or exiting the vehicle; AND
5. The firearm remains in the closed compartment at all times.

The law does not permit the concealed carry permit holder to carry the handgun around campus. While on campus, the handgun must remain in the closed compartment or container within the locked vehicle or within a locked container securely affixed to the vehicle.

In addition, the law does not allow concealed carry permit holders to bring rifles, shotguns, BB guns, stun guns, or air rifle or pistol even if the weapons are in a closed compartment in the concealed carry permit holder’s locked vehicle.

Exceptions

Law Enforcement Officers

These prohibitions shall not apply to current sworn and certified local, state, and federal law-enforcement officers with proper identification.

College-Approved Exceptions

These prohibitions shall not apply to college-approved training, course, or class.