



## **Explosives, Firearms, and Other Weapons Policy**

### **Purpose**

To ensure a safe and secure environment for the KGI community by strictly prohibiting the possession, use, or storage of weapons and explosive devices on KGI property or at KGI-sponsored events.

### **Scope**

This policy applies to all individuals on KGI-controlled property, including students, employees, contractors, and visitors.

### **Definitions**

**Weapons** include, but are not limited to:

- Firearms of any type (including antique or decommissioned “trophy” weapons)
- Air rifles, air pistols, BB or pellet guns, paintball guns
- Explosive devices, fireworks, firecrackers, and other combustibles (including gasoline containers)
- Knives with blades exceeding 2.5 inches, unless used legally for food preparation or scientific/laboratory purposes
- Switchblades, daggers, and other prohibited blades under California law
- Bows and arrows, blowguns, spear guns, slingshots
- Swords, martial arts weapons, and replica/non-functional weapons
- Sporting or self-defense instruments designed to inflict bodily harm
- Ammunition (live or inert)
- Any device or item used or possessed in violation of California law

### **Policy**

The possession, use, or storage of weapons, firearms, or explosives is strictly prohibited 1) on all KGI-controlled property (whether owned or leased), including residence halls and laboratories, and 2) at all KGI-sponsored programs, whether on- or off-campus.



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This prohibition applies regardless of whether a person possesses a permit or license to carry such weapon(s). Individuals may not bring such items to campus for any reason without prior written authorization from the VP of Finance & Administration.

### **Legal Reference**

Per California Penal Code Section 626.9(b), it is a felony to bring or possess a firearm on the grounds of a private educational institution. Violators are subject to arrest and prosecution, with penalties of imprisonment for one to three years.

Additional state and local laws prohibit the use and possession of firearms, explosive materials, and certain weapons within the jurisdictions of the City of Claremont and Los Angeles County.

### **Enforcement and Sanctions**

Violations of this policy may result in the following:

- Immediate confiscation of the prohibited item
- Referral to Campus Safety and/or local law enforcement
- Disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment, dismissal, or revocation of campus access privileges

### **Exceptions**

Exceptions to this policy may only be granted in writing by the Vice President of Finance and Administration (or their designee) in coordination with Campus Safety.

Approved by Cabinet

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Responsible Officer – Vice President of Finance & Administration