



Dangerous Weapons Administrative Procedure 8/28/2018

This administrative procedure establishes the guidelines and the safety and protection of all members of the campus community relating to dangerous weapons on College property.

The term “dangerous weapon” includes, but is not limited to, firearms; knives other than folding pocket knives with blades three and one half inches long or less or those used for food preparation; bladed weapons such as swords, razors or arrows; ammunition; explosives or explosive devices; nun chucks; and throwing devices with sharp or pointed edges.

No person may possess or carry any firearm or other dangerous weapon upon the premises of the College or upon those premises controlled by the College, unless such person is a law enforcement officer, he or she has written permission of the President, or under the provisions of WV Code §61-7-14 (HB4187).

HB 4187 establishes a right for employees, students, and visitors to keep a gun securely “locked inside” or “locked to” a privately owned vehicle, in a manner that is “out of view”, while the vehicle is otherwise lawfully on our campus and parked in a College parking lot.

It is unlawful for the College, or any of its employees or agents, to engage in any communication with any person to try to obtain knowledge of whether they are exercising the right provided for in HB4187; it is unlawful to in any manner discourage a person from exercising that right. It is necessary for the College, to protect itself from possible adverse legal actions, to emphasize that while you are on College property, or elsewhere while acting in the capacity of a College employee, you are prohibited from doing either of those things, and doing so would be treated as employee misconduct [this does not apply, however, to Campus Police Officers who are conducting a specific investigation].

This law does not allow persons who are not police officers to carry a gun on their person on our campuses; if you see someone carrying a gun, you should call 911 or our Campus Police Officer, 304-650-9994, or in the evening, 304-650-9996 immediately if you feel threatened.

If you think a person simply has a firearm at their vehicle but in a manner that is outside the protections of the new law, and if that is the extent of the concern, you should not call 911. Instead, you should contact our Campus Police Officer and describe the concern to him on the Wheeling campus; on the New Martinsville and Weirton campuses you should contact the Manager Campus Operations. You should not confront or communicate with the individual whom you suspect of having a firearm in/at the vehicle in a HB4187 non-compliant manner; that could become dangerous for you, or it could cause you to accidentally violate the new law.

If you feel in danger at any time, please call 911 immediately or contact our Campus Police Officer at 304-650-9994.