PRACTICE NUMBER: NC500-09
PRACTICE TITLE: Weapons and Firearms

A. Background and Definitions

The terms firearms, replica firearms, weapons, ammunition and explosive substances shall have the meanings given to them under the Criminal Code of Canada.

B. Purpose

Niagara College is committed to establishing and maintaining a working and learning environment that is free of violence and intimidation. The College has initiated a Zero Tolerance policy in regard to the presence of weapons and firearms on any College campus.

C. Practice Statements

1. No one shall be permitted to have or use firearms, replica firearms, weapons, ammunition or explosive substances on lands or in premises that are leased, owned, operated or otherwise controlled by Niagara College, unless specifically granted such permission by the College.

2. Explosive substances stored in accordance with College requirements and used in the ordinary course in College supervised laboratories for the purposes of conducting research and teaching shall not be included in this policy while being used for the purposes intended.

3. The College and the Niagara Regional Police Service are willing to comply with religious and cultural requirements in regard to the presence of ceremonial weaponry. This compliance will be given with full expectation that the weapon is being worn strictly in a religious, cultural and non-violent manner. Full disciplinary measures will be exercised if the weapons are used for any other purpose.

4. Peace officers and members of the Canadian Armed Forces attending College premises in the course of their duty shall not be required to obtain permission to carry duty weapons. Weapons used within the confines of the Centre for Policing and Community Safety shall be subject to procedures used by the Niagara Regional Police Service.

5. Anyone found to have contravened the restrictions set out herein, shall be disciplined and/or prosecuted and all offending firearms, replica firearms, weapons, ammunition or exploding substances may be confiscated.
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Permission

6. Persons wishing to bring firearms, replica firearms, weapons, ammunition or explosive substances on lands or premises which are leased, owned, operated or otherwise controlled by Niagara College may request permission to do so as follows:

a) For Academic Purposes: If the firearm, replica firearm, weapon, ammunition or explosive substance is being brought on to College premises for use in teaching, permission to do so must be requested from the Manager of Campus Security and Parking.

b) For Other Purposes: If the firearm, replica firearm, weapon, ammunition or explosive substance is being brought on to College premises for other than academic purposes, permission to do so must be requested from the Manager of Campus Security and Parking.

Form of Request

7. All requests will be made in writing and include, among other things:

a) proof of ownership and registration of any firearms;

b) copies of such other permits or documents as may be required by law from time to time;

c) a detailed statement of the purpose of the request and the use to which the weapon or material will be put, including information as to when and for what purpose the firearms or weapons will be fired, and how and where the material will be stored; and

d) such evidence as can be provided as to the experience and expertise of the applicant in using or handling the weapon or material.

8. The College shall be free to either give or withhold the permission being requested, or to impose such conditions on its permission as it determines are appropriate in the circumstances.

9. It shall be a condition of any permission granted that the applicant sign an undertaking and indemnity in the form attached (Attachment A) hereto (or as may be amended from time to time).

D. Related Documents and Links