

BRADLEY UNIVERSITY WEAPONS POLICY

I. Purpose

Bradley University ("Bradley") has adopted this Policy to regulate the presence and use of Weapons on its properties and to comply with the Firearm Concealed Carry Act, 430 ILCS 66/1, *et seq.* ("Act") and regulations adopted under the Act ("Regulations"). Bradley is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for the Bradley community and visitors. In support of this commitment, Bradley restricts the possession or use of Weapons on all property owned, leased, or controlled by Bradley ("Bradley Property").

II. Persons Covered by this Policy

This Policy applies to all persons who in any capacity for any reason are on Bradley Property or in a vehicle owned, leased or controlled by Bradley ("Bradley Vehicle"). It also applies to all Bradley employees when acting within the scope of their employment.

III. Prohibited Activities and Exceptions

A. Possession of Weapons

No Weapon may be possessed on Bradley Property or in a Bradley Vehicle. No Bradley employee may possess a Weapon when acting within the scope of their employment.

B. Exceptions

The prohibitions in Section III.A do not apply to the possession of Weapons if:

- (a) The Weapon is being used in connection with a weapons safety course or weapons education course approved and authorized by Bradley.
- (b) The Weapon is possessed by an on duty law enforcement officer or an off duty law enforcement officer who is required to carry a weapon or firearm at all times as a condition of his or her employment.
- (c) The Weapon is being used in connection with sanctioned classes, athletics, or recreational sports practices, games, matches, tournaments or events when the activity requires the use of such weapons or firearms (*e.g.*, fencing, starter pistols, and archery).
- (d) The Weapon is a replica being used in connection with Bradley-related theatrical productions.

- (e) The Weapon is a Concealed Carry Firearm being used in a Lawful Parking Activity.
- (f) There is a written determination, which was applied for in advance, by the Chief of the Bradley Police Department and approved by Bradley's President that an exception should apply.

IV. Signage

Bradley Property shall be posted with signs as provided in the Act and Regulations stating that the carrying of firearms is prohibited. Weapons which are not Concealed Carry Firearms are always prohibited regardless of compliance with any requirements of the Act or Regulations concerning signs.

V. Sanctions for Violations

Bradley students who violate this Policy are subject to discipline for violating the Code of Conduct as provided in the Bradley Student Handbook.

Bradley employees who violate this Policy are subject to discipline according to the terms and conditions of their employment.

Any other person who violates this Policy is subject to being banned from Bradley property.

All persons who violate the Act or Regulations are subject to prosecution in accordance with the Act and other applicable Illinois laws.

VI. Definitions

- A.** "Concealed firearm" means a loaded or unloaded Handgun carried on or about a person completely or mostly concealed from view of the public or on or about a person within a vehicle.
- B.** "Handgun" means any device which is designed to expel a projectile or projectiles by the action of an explosion, expansion of gas, or escape of gas that is designed to be held and fired by the use of a single hand. "Handgun" does not include:
 - (i) a stun gun or taser;
 - (ii) a machine gun as defined in item (i) of paragraph (7) of subsection (a) of Section 24-1 of the Illinois Criminal Code of 2012;

(iii) a short-barreled rifle or shotgun as defined in item (ii) of paragraph (7) of subsection (a) of Section 24-1 of the Illinois Criminal Code of 2012; or

(iv) any pneumatic gun, spring gun, paint ball gun, or B-B gun which expels a single globular projectile not exceeding .18 inch in diameter, or which has a maximum muzzle velocity of less than 700 feet per second, or which expels breakable paint balls containing washable marking

C. "Lawful Parking Activity" means: (1) a Licensee carrying a concealed firearm on or about his or her person within a vehicle into a parking area and storing a firearm or ammunition concealed in a case within a locked vehicle or locked container out of plain view within the vehicle in the parking area; or (2) a Licensee carrying a concealed firearm in the immediate area surrounding his or her vehicle within a parking area only for the limited purpose of storing or retrieving a firearm within the vehicle's trunk, provided the Licensee ensures the concealed firearm is unloaded prior to exiting the vehicle. For purposes of this definition, "case" includes a glove compartment or console that completely encloses the concealed firearm or ammunition, the trunk of the vehicle, or a firearm carrying box, shipping box, or other container.

D. "Licensee" means a person holding a valid license under the Act to carry a concealed handgun who is otherwise acting in compliance with the Act and Regulations.

E. "Weapon" means:

(i) any device, whether loaded or unloaded, that shoots a bullet, pellet, flare or any other projectile including those powered by CO². This includes, but is not limited to, machine guns, rifles, shotguns, handguns or other firearm, BB/pellet gun, spring gun, paint ball gun, flare gun, stun gun, taser, or dart gun and any ammunition for any such device. Any replica of the foregoing is also a Weapon under this Policy;

(ii) any explosive device including, but not limited to, fireworks of any kind and black powder; and

(iii) any device that is designed and traditionally used primarily to inflict harm including, but not limited to, bows and arrows, throwing knives, daggers, swords, bayonets, or machetes.

VII. Administration of Policy

The Bradley Police Department, under the direction of the President and in consultation with other affected Bradley Departments and Administrators, shall be responsible for the development and promulgation of procedures and protocols for implementation and administration of this Policy.

This policy was approved for implementation by the Bradley University Board of Trustees on 1st day of August 2014.