



# Prohibition of Weapons On Campus

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## Policy Statement

Possession of weapons on the College of Coastal Georgia campus is governed by Georgia law (O.C.G.A. §16-11-127.1) that went into effect on July 1, 2017. This law was modified on April 13, 2022, by Senate Bill 319. Under the law, weapons are not allowed on the College of Coastal Georgia campus, subject only to certain exceptions.

## Reason for Policy

This policy is intended to provide guidance to all faculty, staff, students and visitors to the College so as to ensure compliance with O.C.G.A. §16-11-127.1.

## Entities Affected by This Policy

All faculty, staff, students, and visitors to the College are covered by this policy.

## Who Should Read This Policy

All faculty, staff, students, and visitors to the College should read and be familiar with this policy.

## Contacts

Contact	Phone	E-Mail
Director of Campus Safety	912.279.5819	<a href="mailto:bsipe@ccga.edu">bsipe@ccga.edu</a>

## Website Address for This Policy

<https://www.ccgga.edu/AdminPolicies>

## Related Document/Resources

None

## Definitions

The following definitions are outlined in O.C.G.A. §16-11-127.1:

- **School Safety Zone:** "School safety zone" means in or on any real property or building owned by or leased to any public or private technical school, vocational school, college, university, or other institution of postsecondary education. O.C.G.A. §16-11-127.1(a)(3)(B)
- **Weapon:** "Weapon" means and includes any pistol, revolver, or any weapon designed or intended to propel a missile of any kind, or any dirk, bowie knife, switchblade knife, ballistic knife, any other knife having a blade of two or more inches, straight-edge razor, razor blade, spring stick, knuckles, whether made from metal, thermoplastic, wood, or other similar material, blackjack, any bat, club, or other bludgeon-type weapon, or any flailing instrument consisting of two or more rigid parts connected in such a manner as to allow them to swing freely, which may be known as a nun chahka, nun chuck, nunchaku, shuriken, or fighting chain, or any disc, of whatever configuration, having at least two points or pointed blades which is designed to be thrown or propelled and which may be known as a throwing star or oriental dart, or any weapon of like kind, and any stun gun or taser as defined in subsection (a) of Code Section 16-11-106. This paragraph excludes any of these instruments used for classroom work authorized by the teacher. O.C.G.A. §16-11-127.1(a)(4). An "electroshock weapon" means any commercially available device that is powered by electrical charging units and designed exclusively to be capable of incapacitating a person by electrical charge, including, but not limited to, a stun gun or taser as defined in subsection (a) of Code Section 16-11-106. O.C.G.A. §16-11-127.1(c)(19)

## Overview

Under the law, weapons are not allowed on the College of Coastal Georgia campus, subject only to certain exceptions found in O.C.G.A. §16-11-127.1. Georgia Code Title 16, Chapter 11, Article 4, Part 3 (Carrying and Possession of Firearms) provides information according to Georgia state law regarding weapons on school safety zones. Georgia Code can be found at <http://www.legis.ga.gov/en-US/default.aspx>.

The University System of Georgia (USG) has provided guidance to the Georgia law commonly known as the "Campus Carry" legislation that went into effect on July 1, 2017 (House Bill 280). This law was modified on April 13, 2022, by Senate Bill 319. For more information please see below:

Board of Regents Policy Manual / 6.11 Weapons: <https://www.usg.edu/policymanual/section6/C2675>

Violations of O.C.G.A. §16-11-127.1 may be subject to criminal prosecution. Violations of this policy will result in prompt disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment or expulsion, in accordance with College employee or student conduct policies, as applicable.

## Responsibilities

The Responsibilities each party has in connection with this policy are:

<b>Party</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
Director of Campus Safety	Ensure compliance with this policy.
All faculty, staff, students and visitors to the College	Ensure compliance with this policy.

## Forms

None

## Appendices

None

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