



PROHIBITION OF DANGEROUS WEAPONS AND FIREARMS POLICY

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Foreword by the Vice-Chancellor

Lupane State University is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for its employees, students and visitors. The institution does not tolerate acts of violence committed by or against the University community. In this regard, the University has crafted the Prohibition of Dangerous Weapons and Firearms Policy which aims to prevent acts of violence on victims and provide consequences to those who perpetrate violence.

This policy specifically addresses the University's position on the provision of a safe working and learning environment for our employees and students respectively as well as our visitors at all University premises or any other premises used by the University.

University employees and students are therefore, encouraged to support this endeavour by reporting to relevant offices any violation of this policy.

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Vice-Chancellor

Definition of Terms

Dangerous weapon

This refers to any object that is capable of causing death or bodily harm, public disorder and breach of peace. These include among other things:

- i. A prohibited knife:
 - a. As defined in section 39 (1) of the Criminal Law (Codification and Reform) Act [CHAPTER 9:23]. means a knife:
 - (i) which has a blade—
 - (a) which opens automatically by hand pressure applied to a button, spring or other device in or attached to the handle of the knife, sometimes known as a flick knife; or
 - (b) which is released from the handle or sheath of the knife by the force of gravity or the application of centrifugal force and which, when released, is locked in place by means of a button, spring, lever or other device, sometimes known as a gravity knife; or
 - (c) which is—
 - (A) released from the handle or sheath of the knife manually; and
 - (B) locked in the open position by means of a button, spring, lever or other device; and
 - (C) released from the locked open position otherwise than solely by manual pressure on the blade;
 - (D) other than a trimming knife the blade of which does not exceed thirty millimeters in length; or
 - (E) which is declared in terms of subsection (2) of the Criminal Law (Codification and Reform) Act [CHAPTER 9:23] to be a prohibited knife.
 - ii. Catapults, machetes, axes, knobkerries, knives, swords, daggers or any traditional weapons capable of causing death or bodily harm disorder and breach of peace.
 - iii. Any device designed as a weapon and capable of causing death or bodily harm.
 - iv. Any device or instrument which, in the manner it is used or intended to be used, is likely to cause death or bodily harm.

Firearm

This refers to any firearm as defined in section 2 of the Firearms Act [Chapter 10:09].

Firearm certificate

This refers to a firearm certificate issued in terms of section 5 of the Firearms Act [Chapter 10:09].

Special event

This refers to an event organised by the University and is open to the public by official invitation.

Temporary storage

This refers to storage of firearm(s) for a period not longer than 4 hours.

University

This refers to Lupane State University.

University premises

This refers to all University owned, controlled or leased properties.

1. Introduction

Lupane State University is committed to maintaining a safe learning and teaching environment. The University also ensures that it takes possible precautions to safeguard its employees, students and visitors from harm, including from firearms and other dangerous weapons on University premises or any other premises used by the University.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to set clear guidelines on the prohibition of possession and use of any dangerous or potentially dangerous weapons or instruments at all Lupane State University premises or any other premises used by the University.

3. Application

This policy applies to all Lupane State University employees, students and visitors. This policy does not prohibit possession of dangerous weapons and firearms on campus as necessary for:

- a. University security personnel while acting within the scope of their employment.
- b. The conduct of University approved educational, recreational, training or athletic programs

4. Prohibition of firearms or dangerous weapons on University premises

- a. No person is allowed to carry, use or store a firearm or a dangerous weapon on University premises or any other premises used by the University.
- b. This prohibition does not apply to:
 - i. Carrying, use and storage of University firearms by University Security personnel while on official security duty.
 - ii. Lawful possession, carrying, use and storage of other dangerous weapons as part University sanctioned or scheduled educational, recreational, training or athletic programs where the weapon is required for or is a central part of the curriculum or activity.
 - iii. Carrying and use of firearms by state law enforcement personnel and other designated peace officers who are on official duty and within the scope of their engagement with the University.
 - iv. Use and storage of kitchen knives by University kitchen staff while on official duty.

5. Prohibition of firearms or dangerous weapons in University vehicles

5.1 No person may carry firearms or any other dangerous weapons in University owned or operated vehicles.

5.2 This prohibition does not apply to carrying of University firearms by University Security personnel while on official security duty and acting within the scope of their employment.

6. Prohibition of firearms or dangerous weapons at University special events

6.1 No person may possess firearms or any other dangerous weapons at University special events.

6.2 This prohibition shall not apply to state law enforcement personnel who are on official duty during special events and acting within the scope of their employment.

7. Confiscation of firearms or dangerous weapons

7.1 University security personnel or any other University employee is hereby authorised to confiscate unauthorised firearm(s) or dangerous weapon(s) and shall forthwith deliver same to the security office for safekeeping.

7.2 Any firearm(s) delivered to the Security Office for safekeeping shall be recorded in the appropriate security books and stored according to item 2 of Appendix D to the Lupane State University Security Procedure Manual.

7.3 Any dangerous weapon(s) delivered to the Security Office for safekeeping shall be recorded in the appropriate security books and stored in a lockable steel cabinet.

8. Temporary storage and safekeeping of firearms or dangerous weapons

8.1 All firearms that are handed over to the Security Office for temporary storage shall be recorded in the appropriate security books and stored according to item 2 of Appendix D to the Lupane State University Security Procedure Manual.

8.2 Any person who hands over a firearm to the Security Office must produce an original firearm certificate bearing the details of the licensee and the firearm in question. Failure to produce such a certificate security personnel shall be obliged to confiscate such a firearm and hand it over to the nearest police post.

8.3 Any firearm that is handed over to the Security Office for temporary storage shall not be kept for longer than 4 hours after which it shall be handed over to the nearest police post.

8.4 All dangerous weapons that are handed to the Security Office for safekeeping shall be recorded in the appropriate security books and stored in a lockable steel cabinet.

9. Imitation Firearms or dangerous weapons

Possession of imitation or replica firearms and/or dangerous weapons on University premises or any other premises used by the University or at University activities or events are prohibited except as specifically authorised by the Registrar through the Chief Security Officer.

10. Temporary exclusions

Temporary exclusions for any person(s) to possess a firearm(s) or any other dangerous weapon(s) may be granted in writing by the Registrar through the Chief Security Officer. The temporary exclusion may be for job related, educational or demonstration purposes. Where such exclusion is granted relevant statutory laws will be strictly enforced.

11. Consequences of violations of this Policy

11.1 Disciplinary action will be taken against any University employee or student who violates this policy.

11.2 Visitors who violate this policy may be subject to criminal charges in terms of relevant laws.

12. Custody of the policy

The Chief Security Officer is the custodian of this policy.

13. Policy review

This policy shall be reviewed every three years and as and when the need arises.

Approved: _____

Date: _____