



Weapon Possession Policy

New York State Law

In accordance with New York State Penal Law, it is a crime in New York State to possess a rifle, shotgun, air gun (including BB guns), spring gun, nunchaku, daggers, switchblades, locking butterfly knives, stun guns or other firearm or unlawful instruments when in the buildings or on the grounds of any school, college, or university, even if you have a valid New York State firearm permit.

New York Law School Policy

It is a violation to possess, carry, or use firearms, including rifles, shotguns, and other assault and automatic weapons, ammunition, explosive devices of any description, other dangerous weapons, instruments, or substances on owned or leased NYLS property, or at any event sponsored by NYLS on any other property. This policy applies to weapons carried about the person or stored within any parked vehicle on Law School property. Also included as dangerous weapons are harmless instruments that are designed to look like or may be used by a person to cause fear and/or produce bodily harm. NYLS reserves the right to further determine the definition of a weapon and may prohibit other devices on an individual basis.

Students

Students found to be in violation of the above policy may be found in violation of the New York Law School Student Code of Conduct and Academic Responsibility and referred to the Academic Responsibility Committee for disciplinary action in accordance with the Committee's procedures. These actions include but are not limited to one or more of the following: expulsion, suspension, reprimand, and permanent notation on the record of the violator. The Law School will report the violation to local law enforcement authorities.

Faculty, Staff, and Other Employees

If a member of the faculty, staff, or other Law School employee is found to be in violation of the above policy, the consequences of that action will be in keeping with existing guidelines governing the resolution of cases of unprofessional conduct, up to and including dismissal and promptly reporting this violation to local law enforcement authorities. This policy also applies to all other contract and non-contract employees (except where exempted) who provide services on owned or leased Law School property.

Exceptions to the Policy

Law School Student Law Enforcement Officers. Sworn Federal, State, or Local Law Enforcement Officers who are enrolled as NYLS students and are authorized by their employer to carry a firearm may do so while on owned or leased NYLS property. Any Law Enforcement Officer, not in full uniform, when carrying a weapon on his or her person, must carry the weapon in an inconspicuous manner. The Officer must also have in his or her possession at all times valid identification officially identifying him or her as Law Enforcement Officers.

To be subject to this exception, Law Enforcement Officers must submit a completed Firearm Registration Form for Law Enforcement Officers and Proof of Law Enforcement Status, by the end of the first week of classes each semester. A copy of this form may be obtained from the Office of Security and Safety (212.431.2837) or the Office of Student Life (212.431.2851). You may also obtain a copy the Firearm Registration Form for Law Enforcement Officers. The completed form must be submitted to the Vice President of Facilities and Building Operations. The School reserves the right to confirm law enforcement status with the noted employer. If the employment status is not confirmed, permission granted by this section to carry a firearm will automatically be revoked. Officers must promptly notify the Chief of Building Operations and Safety if your license to carry a firearm is revoked.

Other Law Enforcement Officers and Armored Vehicle Guards. Sworn Federal, State, or Local Law Enforcement Officers who are not enrolled as NYLS students and licensed armored vehicle guards who are authorized to carry a weapon in the performance of their duties may carry firearms on their person when conducting official business on owned or leased NYLS property. Any Law Enforcement Officer, not in full uniform, when carrying a weapon on his or her person, must carry the weapon in an inconspicuous manner. The Officer must also have in his or her possession at all times valid identification which notes their law enforcement status.

Prop Weapons or Facsimiles

The use of prop or facsimile weapons for any purpose, other than those outlined below, and subject to approve, is strictly prohibited. The use of a harmless instrument designed to look like a firearm, explosive, or a dangerous weapon in an instructional or entertainment simulation must first be approved by the Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Dean of Students. If approved, the Vice President of Facilities and Building Operations will be notified of the date, time, and location where the simulation will be held. The professor or event host will make an announcement at the start of the class or program and a sign will also be posted at the entrance to the room noting that simulated weapons will be a featured part of the class or program.