

40.1.4 CONCEALED WEAPONS – ARKANSAS ACT 226

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The Williams Baptist College Board of Trustees has voted to “opt out” of Act 226 passed by the Arkansas General Assembly. With this decision, Williams Baptist College employees are prohibited from bringing concealed lethal weapons on campus. so *Section 6.d.*).

Weapons Policy for Williams Baptist College:

1. *Statement of Purpose:* As campus safety is intended to promote and maintain the academic and Christian nature and purpose of Williams Baptist College (WBC), this policy is intended to help advance the safety of WBC faculty, staff, students and guests while on WBC property.
2. *Definition of “Weapon”:* For purposes of this policy, the term “weapon” shall include any object that can reasonably be considered a weapon (whether real, facsimile, toy, or replica). Anything designed as and understood to be weapons on WBC property include but are not limited to:
 - a. firearms
 - b. martial arts weapons
 - c. hunting bows and arrows
 - d. hunting arrowheads (excluding historic artifacts)
 - e. knives
 - f. metal knuckles of any kind
 - g. spring-powered, air-powered, or CO2-powered projectile guns (BB or pellet guns)
 - h. bludgeons or clubs of various types
 - i. grenades or other explosive/incendiary devices
 - j. all types of ammunition
 - k. any chemical(s) that can cause personal injury, possessed outside of an appropriate academic (laboratory) context
 - l. Personal-defense spray (Pepper spray, OC spray, etc.) is not allowed on the WBC campus unless it is for the express purpose of personal-defense.
 - i. Arkansas law states: *It is lawful for a person to possess or carry, and use, a small container of tear gas or pepper spray to be used for self-defense purposes only. However, the capacity of the cartridge or container shall not exceed one hundred fifty cubic centimeters (150 cc).* (§ 5-73-124)
 - ii. **Any misuse of personal-defense spray (e.g., as an offensive weapon, playing with it, etc.) on the WBC campus by any person will result in disciplinary action, and/or law enforcement intervention.**
 - m. Additionally, many common objects and tools are designed for uses other than as a weapon but may be used or modified for use as a weapon. In considering whether a particular common object or tool shall be considered to be a weapon under this policy, WBC officials will consider the time, place, and other circumstances surrounding the possession of the common object, including the explanation for its possession and/or whether the object has been modified, altered, and/or used as a weapon.

3. *Persons Covered by this Policy:* This policy applies to all WBC faculty, staff, students, and guests.
4. *Scope of this Policy:* This policy shall be applicable and enforceable on all properties owned by WBC.
5. *Substance of this Policy:* WBC faculty, staff, students, and guests are prohibited from carrying or storing on the WBC campus any firearm or weapon as defined above. WBC has chosen to opt out of the concealed carry provisions of Act 226 of the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas, meaning faculty and staff are not allowed to carry a concealed weapon on campus.
6. *Exceptions to this Policy:* Exceptions to this policy are limited to lawful practices pertaining to:
 - a. Certified law enforcement officers
 - b. Commissioned security officers who are employed by WBC and are acting within the scope of their duty
 - c. Faculty and staff who reside in residential “faculty” housing.
 - d. Faculty and staff approved to conceal carry by the President of WBC, as allowed by specific WBC administrative policy.
 - e. Faculty/staff/guests who are connected with a weapons safety course, a weapons education course, or hunter’s education course approved and authorized by the Director of WBC Campus Safety
 - f. Faculty/staff who are engaged in a Campus Safety approved pest eradication effort
 - g. Faculty/staff/guests who are connected with a WBC sponsored skeet/trap club:
 - i. All skeet/trap equipment (including firearms and ammunition) shall be maintained, supervised, and securely stored by appropriate WBC personnel.
 - ii. At no time shall students be allowed to access, possess, use, or transport any skeet/trap equipment (including firearms and ammunition) while on the WBC campus.
 - iii. A complete statement of rules for firearms/ammunition for use in the skeet/trap club may be obtained from the Office of Campus Safety.
 - iv. Violation of any of skeet/trap club rules by the student will result in expulsion from the WBC trap/skeet club, and liable to other appropriate penalties.
 - h. Faculty/staff/guests who are connected with a WBC academic course in archery, or a WBC sponsored archery club:
 - i. All archery equipment shall be maintained, supervised, and securely stored by appropriate WBC personnel.
 - ii. At no time shall students be allowed to access, possess, use, or transport any archery equipment while on the WBC campus, except while taking part in an official WBC archery course or club, and under the direct supervision of appropriate WBC personnel.
7. *Violations:* Any violation of this weapons policy will result in disciplinary action, and may result in law enforcement intervention.