



# UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND

## Policy Manual

<b>Policy #:</b>	SEC-2010	<b>Policy Title:</b>	Policy Prohibiting Firearms on Campus
<b>Effective:</b>	May 6, 2005	<b>Responsible Office:</b>	Business Affairs
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**PURPOSE:**

The University of Richmond fosters an environment to promote a safe, secure, and inclusive campus community and an appropriate environment for living and learning.

**SCOPE:**

This policy applies to all individuals on University of Richmond property to include: students, faculty, staff, alumni, visitors, guests, contractors, volunteers, affiliates and the general public.

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**POLICY STATEMENT:**

*SEC-2010.1 – Definitions*

*University of Richmond Property*

Any property, vehicle or vessel owned, leased or controlled by the University of Richmond in direct support of or in a manner related to, it’s educational purposes, including all campus buildings, parking lots and areas frequently used by students, or in support of university purposes.

# SEC-1020– Policy Prohibiting Firearms on Campus

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## *Firearm*

Any actual or simulated pistol, revolver, rifle, shotgun, air-pistol, paintball gun, or other weapon designed or intended to propel a projectile of any kind by action of an explosion, compressed air or and combustible material.

## *SEC-2010.2 – Policy*

No person employed by the University of Richmond or any student or visitor to University buildings, facilities, vehicles or University property shall possess a firearm on university property. Realistic-looking toy or replica firearms are also prohibited.

## *SEC-2010.3 – Exclusions*

On or off duty law enforcement personnel may possess firearms on campus.

Licensed security officers or other armed carriers contracted by the university and approved by the University Chief of Police may possess a firearm on campus for the purpose of their contracted employment.

Officially recognized sport clubs and academic organizations, under the supervision of a faculty or staff advisor may be authorized to store prohibited items in designated areas. Approval will be granted on a case-by-case basis by the Vice President of Student Development and the university Chief of Police

Faculty or staff legally permitted to possess a weapon in the jurisdiction in which they are located, may do so on the premise of the university if possessing the firearm is directly related to an academic or research activity. Such use must have received written approval by the university Chief of Police.

## *SEC-2010.4 –Procedure*

Entry upon University of Richmond property in violation of this policy is forbidden. Persons violating this policy will be asked to remove the weapon immediately from university property. Based on availability, the University police department may be able to store a firearm for an invited guest on campus for an academic reason until their event has concluded and will be leaving the university.

Members of the University community in violation of this policy are subject to disciplinary action. Visitors and guests that are non-compliant in removing a firearm will be asked to leave and are welcome to return to campus without a firearm. Further non-compliance of this policy may result in removal from campus under the code of Virginia Trespass statute.

## **POLICY BACKGROUND:**

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University of Richmond Board of Trustees approved policy May 06, 2005

Non-substantive clarifications included when policy was included in the Policy Library in March 2023.

## **POLICY CONTACTS:**

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Associate Vice President of Public Safety and Chief of Police