

Statement of purpose – John A. Logan College seeks to maintain a safe and secure environment for students, faculty, staff and all visitors.

Definitions

- A. A “firearm” is defined as: loaded or unloaded handgun. A “handgun” is defined as any device which is designed to expel a projectile or projectiles by the action of an explosion, expansion of gas, or escape of gas that is designed to be held and fired by the use of a single hand.

- B. A “weapon” is defined as: Any device, whether loaded or unloaded, that shoots a bullet, pellet, flare or any other projectile including those powered by CO₂. This includes, but is not limited to, machine guns, rifles, shotguns, handguns or other firearm, BB/pellet gun, spring gun, paint ball gun, flare gun, stun gun, taser or dart gun and any ammunition for any such device. Any replica of the foregoing is also prohibited.

Any explosive device including, but not limited to, firecrackers and black powder.

Any device that is designed or traditionally used to inflict harm including, but not limited to, bows and arrows, any knife with a blade longer than three inches, hunting knife, fixed blade knife, throwing knives, dagger, razor or other cutting instrument the blade of which is exposed.

Persons covered – This policy applies to all employees, students and individuals visiting or conducting business in or on College property.

Property – Property shall be defined as any building, or portion of a building or land that the College owns or occupies, whether on a temporary or permanent basis, and any off-site premises where the College is conducting any activity sponsored by the College. This includes all parking lots, parking areas, sidewalks and walkways and all College owned or leased vehicles and equipment.

Prohibited activity – No employee, student, volunteer, or any visitor or other third-party, shall possess a weapon or firearm, while attending any event, or visiting any academic or administrative office, building, dining facility, or sporting facility, or any other property owned or controlled by the College, even if the owner has a valid permit, except as specified below. It is the intent and the purpose of this policy to prohibit weapons on any College property or at any College event.

Exceptions – Exceptions to this policy are as follows:

1. Commissioned law enforcement officers in connection with law enforcement duties for the College;
2. Law enforcement officers from an external agency conducting official business at the College, or any other exceptions granted by the Director of Emergency Planning and Risk Management, with notice provided to the College President;
3. When used in connection with the weapons safety course or weapons education course offered in the regular course of business when approved and authorized by the College;

4. When displayed in connection with a College sponsored event on the campus such as Hunting and Fishing Days;
5. In a vehicle when transported into an unrestricted parking area. Under such circumstances, the weapon or firearm, and its ammunition, must remain locked in a case out of plain view. For the purpose of this policy, “case” is defined as a glove compartment, console, or trunk. Certain parking areas on campus may be designated areas where weapons and firearms are not permitted, including parking areas for child care centers.

Notice signs – The College administration shall determine the placement of conspicuously posted signs at all buildings and restricted parking area entrances stating that firearms are prohibited. The signs shall be in accordance with the design approved by the Illinois State Police.

Enforcement – Any employee, student, or other representative of the College who violates this policy shall be notified of the violation and subject to disciplinary sanctions under the applicable disciplinary process. Any member of the public who violates this policy shall be notified of the violations and asked to comply. Any individual who refuses to comply shall be removed from the campus and subject to all legal penalties including the illegal possession of firearms, or criminal trespass provisions under Illinois law.

Delegation of authority – The College administration shall have the responsibility for overseeing, and enforcing this policy, which authority may be delegated to the Director of Emergency Planning and Risk Management with notice provided to the College President.

ADOPTED: MARCH 25, 2014
AMENDED:
LEGAL REF.: *FIREARM CONCEALED ACT - PUBLIC ACT 098-0063*
430 ILCS 66/1 ET SEQ.
CROSS REF.: