

State Human Resources Policy #E24-100.05

Concealed Weapons

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DEFINITIONS

Agency – The South Carolina Military Department/Office of the Adjutant General.

Deadly Weapon - Any firearm, dirk, slingshot, metal knuckles, razor, or other instrument which can be used to inflict deadly force.

Firearm - A pistol, revolver, rifle, shotgun, machine gun, submachine gun, or an assault rifle which is designed to fire or is capable of firing fixed cartridge ammunition or from which a shot or projectile is discharged by an explosive.

POLICY

1. South Carolina Military Department employees and visitors are prohibited from carrying concealed weapons or concealed firearms in the facilities, on the property, or in any vehicle belonging to the Agency.

2. Exceptions:

- Personnel selected for, trained, and documented as members of the Secure Area Duty Officer Program (SADOP) are authorized to carry their government issued weapon concealed while in the performance of their duties
- Regular, salaried law enforcement officers, and reserve police officers of a state agency, municipality, or county of the State
- Uncompensated Governor's constables
- Law enforcement officers of the Federal government or other states when they are carrying out official duties while in this State
- Deputy enforcement officers of the Natural Resources Enforcement Division of the Department of Natural Resources
- Retired commissioned law enforcement officers employed as private detectives or private investigators
- Those individuals as specified by SC Code of Laws, Section 23-31-240 who possess a valid permit pursuant to that Article may carry a concealable weapon anywhere within this State, when carrying out the duties of their office:
 - Active Supreme Court justices
 - Active judges of the court of appeals
 - Active circuit court judges
 - Active family court judges
 - Active masters-in-equity
 - Active probate court judges
 - Active magistrates

- Active municipal court judges
- Active federal judges
- Active administrative law judges
- Active solicitors and assistant solicitors
- Active workers' compensation commissioners

3. Persons who bring their privately owned weapon or firearm onto the property of the South Carolina Military Department must store their weapon or firearm in their Privately Owned Vehicle (POV) in accordance with State laws.

a. In accordance with State Code of Laws, Section 16-20-23, paragraph 9.a., individuals may secure their privately owned weapon or firearm in their POV in a closed glove compartment, closed console, closed trunk, or in a closed container secured by an integral fastener and transported in the luggage compartment of the vehicle. If the person has been issued a concealed weapon permit pursuant to Article 4, Chapter 31, Title 23, then the person also may secure their weapon or firearm under a seat in a vehicle, or in any open or closed storage compartment within the POV's passenger compartment.

b. Individual may not secure their privately owned weapon or firearm inside a building belonging to the South Carolina Military Department, or in a State or federal vehicle.

4. Only the Adjutant General may authorize case-by-case exceptions to this Policy.

5. A person who brings a concealed weapon or concealed firearm onto the Agency premises or work place in violation of this Policy may be charged with a violation of the State Code of Laws, Section 16-11-620, and/or may be subject to the Agency's Progressive Discipline Policy up to and including termination.