



# Weapons Are Prohibited On Campus

## University of California, Irvine Police Department

### What is a Weapon?

A weapon is basically anything somebody could use to hurt or harm somebody else. Weapons could be any of the following:

- a knife
- a gun
- pepper spray
- your own hands
- your feet
- any available object that could be used to hurt somebody else

### What Kind of Weapon Can't I Bring to School?

Most weapons are not permitted on campus. This list is just a few examples to give you an idea.

- any knife including a belt buckle knife, dirk, dagger, cane sword, pen knife, lipstick knife, switchblade, butterfly knife or any knife that has a blade longer than 2 ½ inches, opens automatically or has more than one sharp edge
- any gun without written permission and in accordance with California Penal Code
- nunchaku
- metal knuckles
- any concealed weapon (hidden from plain sight)

### When Can I Have a Weapon?

Some self defense weapons can be carried on campus within legal limits. i.e.: You can have pepper spray as long as it is for self defense, not larger than 2.5oz. and has a "Warning" label.

### What About if You Have a Knife?

You can have a pocket knife, as long as the blade is not more than 2 ½ inches long, it does not open automatically and has only one sharp edge.

### What Happens If I am Found in Possession of a Weapon on Campus?

The punishment for having weapons on campus changes with different kinds of weapons. Punishments can be either or both fine and imprisonment. For further information regarding weapons on campus, contact the UCIPD at (949) 824-5223.

### Weapons Related Laws

#### 626.9 (h) California Penal Code

Any person who brings a loaded firearm upon the grounds of a University of California campus or it's noncontiguous owned or operated property without written permission is subject to arrest and prosecution for a felony crime.

#### 626.10 (b) California Penal Code

Any person who brings or possesses any dirk, dagger, ice pick, or knife having a fixed blade longer than 2 ½ inches upon the grounds of the University of California, is guilty of a public offense, punishable by imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding one year, or by imprisonment in the state prison.

#### 12020 California Penal Code

The possession of many weapons is a violation of law. Some of those weapons include: an undetectable firearm, cane or wallet gun, zip gun, belt buckle knife, blackjack, billy, or a concealed dagger. Conviction for possession of any of these weapons, as well as others described in this law, is punishable by imprisonment in county jail or in state prison.

#### 653 (k) California Penal Code

Every person who possesses in the passenger or driver's area of a motor vehicle or carries on his or her person a switch blade knife having a blade exceeding two inches is guilty of a misdemeanor.

#### 417 California Penal Code

Any person who exhibits a firearm or any deadly weapon in a rude, angry, or threatening manner, or who in any manner, unlawfully uses the same in any fight or quarrel is subject to prosecution and imprisonment in accordance with the specific subsections of this law.

#### 244.5 (b) California Penal Code

Every person who commits an assault upon the person of another with a stun gun or taser shall be punished by imprisonment in a county jail for a term not exceeding one year, or by imprisonment in a state prison for 16 months, two, or three years.

#### 245 California Penal Code

Any person who commits an assault upon another person with a firearm or other deadly weapon or instrument likely to produce great bodily harm is subject to prosecution and imprisonment in accordance with the specific subsection of this law.

**NOTE:** There are special circumstances when a firearm may be authorized on campus. Some examples include for use by ROTC, theatrical performances, movie shoots, class instruction, etc. Written authorization to possess a firearm on campus must be obtained through the UCI Police Department. Contact the Watch Commander at (949) 824-5223 for further information. While this requirement does not apply to law enforcement personnel, it is highly recommended that for the safety of all that our Department is notified when armed officers are going to be on campus.

For further information on California Laws:  
<http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/calaw.html>