I. POLICY STATEMENT

1. Introduction
   No person shall possess firearms, explosives, deadly weapons (as defined in KRS §500.080(4)), and dangerous instruments (as defined in KRS §500.080(3)), on property which is owned or controlled by Northern Kentucky University, except provided in this policy. In Kentucky Revised Statute §237.115, the Kentucky General Assembly explicitly recognizes the authority of the University to control the possession of deadly weapons by any person or entity using University property or premises. This regulation establishes the University dead weapons policy.

2. Policy
   Deadly weapons are prohibited on any property owned, leased, or controlled by the University, including but not limited to the following: classrooms, laboratories, residence halls, office buildings, performance halls, museums, athletics and recreation facilities, parking lots and structures, University owned vehicles, and all outdoor areas of the campus of any unit of the University.

3. Violations
   A. Students who possess deadly weapons in violation of this prohibition are guilty of violations of the Code of Student Conduct and are subject to disciplinary action under that Code, including expulsion from the University, and all other appropriate legal actions.

   B. Faculty and staff employees who possess deadly weapons in violation of this prohibition are guilty of misconduct and subject to corrective action under Governing and Administrative Regulations, including termination of employment and all other appropriate legal actions.

   C. Others who possess deadly weapons in violation of this prohibition shall be directed to remove their weapons or themselves from the University’s property or premises and shall be subject to all other appropriate legal actions.

II. ENTITIES AFFECTED

University Community, Faculty, Staff, Students, and Visitors

IV. DEFINITIONS

“Deadly Weapons“ include, but are not limited to:

A. A weapon of mass destruction;

B. Any weapon from which a shot, readily capable of producing death or other serious physical injury, may be discharged;

C. Any knife or sword; (other than those necessary for cooking or approved university activities, including ROTC);
IX. EXCEPTIONS

The following are exceptions to this policy:

A. Possession of deadly weapons by peace officers acting in the course of official duties;
B. Possession of a deadly weapon by a person licensed to carry a concealed deadly weapon pursuant to KRS 237.110, if the firearm or other deadly weapon is contained in a motor vehicle (private or University-owned) and is not removed from the vehicle (KRS 527.020(4) and 237.110(17));
C. Possession of a deadly weapon if it is located in a non-University motor vehicle and in an enclosed container, compartment, or storage space installed as original equipment in the motor vehicle by its manufacturer, including but not limited to a glove compartment, center console, or seat pocket, regardless of whether said enclosed container, storage space, or compartment is locked, unlocked, or does not have a locking mechanism (KRS 527.020(8));
D. Possession of a deadly weapon by persons who are specifically authorized* by KRS 527.020 to carry concealed deadly weapons on or about their persons at all times and at all locations within the Commonwealth. Such persons include but are not limited to: Commonwealth’s attorneys, judges of the Court of Justice, conservations officers of the Department of Fish and Wildlife, elected sheriffs, and peace officers from other jurisdictions.

* For a complete listing of persons authorized to carry concealed deadly weapons within the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the conditions for which the carrying of the deadly weapon is authorized, see KRS 527.020.

XII. REFERENCES AND RELATED MATERIALS

REFERENCES & FORMS
KRS 237.110 License to carry concealed deadly weapon
KRS 237.115 Construction of KRS 237.110 – Prohibition by local government units of carrying concealed deadly weapons in governmental buildings – Restriction on criminal penalties
KRS 500.080 Definitions for Kentucky Penal Code
KRS 527.020 Carry concealed deadly weapons

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