

At the University of Georgia Police Department we are constantly striving to fulfill our mission of providing a safe and secure environment for students, faculty, staff, and visitors. Enforcing laws is only one way that we work to achieve our goals. We also educate the University community about ways to better prevent victimization, and we disseminate information about laws that may affect those who are on University property. Our hope is that the information in this brochure will help you better understand Georgia's laws regarding weapons on campus.

What is Zero Tolerance

"Zero Tolerance" or Georgia Code 16-11-127.1 is the Georgia law that makes it a felony to possess a weapon in a School Safety Zone. Violators convicted of breaking this law may be punished by imprisonment up to ten years, a fine of up to \$10,000.00, or both.

Stun Gun and Taser

Georgia law allows any person who is **18 years** of age or older or currently enrolled in classes on the campus to carry, possess, or have under such person's control an electroshock weapon while in or on any building or real property owned by or leased by the University; provided, however, that, if such person makes use of such electroshock weapon, such use **shall be in defense of self or others.**

Use of an "electroshock weapon" against another person in a manner other than in defense of self or others may result in criminal prosecution, to potentially include a violation of **16-11-127.1**, carrying weapons within school safety zones.

Where Does it Apply



The University of Georgia is designated as a school safety zone. This means that it is illegal to possess any explosive compound or weapon in or on any property owned or used by the University of Georgia. This includes residence halls, fraternity and sorority houses on campus and UGA owned vehicles. It can be a felony to break this law, and the penalties can be severe. The law does provide exceptions for weapons in private vehicles and those who have permits, certain objects commonly used in sporting competitions and for individuals who are authorized to carry firearms in the commission of their official duties. If you legally possess a firearm in your vehicle, please do not remove it from your vehicle while on campus.

This could lead to criminal charges under this law. Please refer to sub-section (c) of [O.C.G.A. 16-11-127.1](#) or contact the UGA Police Department for a complete explanation of these circumstances.

Other Considerations

A student may be suspended or expelled from the University of Georgia for possessing, manufacturing, distributing, maintaining, transporting, or receiving any of the following materials while in the residence halls or at any residence hall activities:

- 1) A firearm or weapon, whether operable or inoperable (OCGA 16-11-127.1)
- 2) Any dangerous weapon such as a machine gun, sawed off shotgun, shotgun, rifle or silencer (OCGA 16-11-121)
- 3) Any bacteriological or biological weapons, destructive device, detonator, explosive, incendiary, over-pressure device or poison gas (OCGA 16-7-80)
- 4) Any explosive materials (16-7-81)
- 5) Any hoax device, replica of a destructive device, or configuration of explosive materials with the appearance of a destructive device, such as a fake bomb, or packages which give the appearance that they may contain chemical explosives or toxic materials

What is a Weapon?

All of the following are considered to be weapons:

- Pistol, revolver, or any weapon designed or intended to propel a missile of any kind (this includes, air soft, paintball, BB or pellet guns, etc...)
- Knife having a blade of two or more inches
- Straight-edge razor or razor blade
- Spring stick
- Bat, club, or other bludgeon-type weapon
- Nun chahka, nun chuck, nunchaku, shuriken
- Throwing star or oriental dart

Please remember that these are only a few examples of weapons that are illegal on campus. For the complete list see O.C.G.A 16-11-127.1



Any object capable of shooting projectiles, such as the air soft gun above, are illegal on campus.



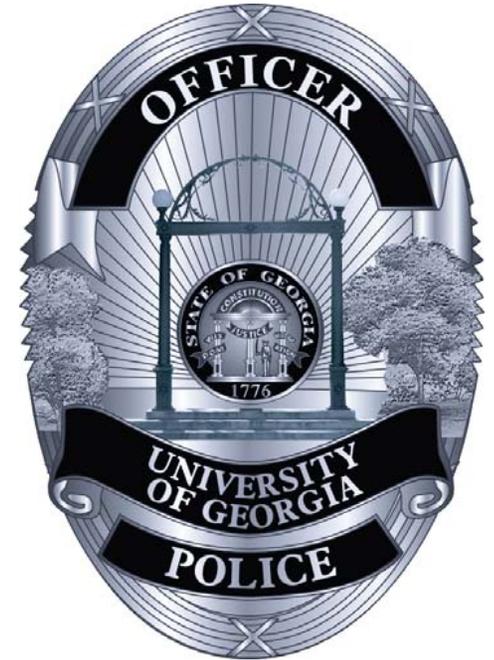
Paintball guns, potato guns and knives with blades two or more inches long are among those items prohibited on campus.

Contact Us

Please contact the University Police Department Crime Prevention Unit if you have any questions. We can be reached at 706-542-0104, or online at

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