

Policy Number: 107.9

Policy: Weapons on Campus

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POLICY:

Montana State University Billings restricts the possession and use of firearms on the campuses of Montana State University Billings. Montana State University Billings will maintain an armory within the University Police office. This armory is free and available only to students in good standing with the university. The armory is provided to accommodate students with an interest in recreational activities requiring the use of firearms and other weapons.

In general, no firearms, explosives, explosive device or any weapon, or unlawful weapon of any kind are permitted on Montana State University Billings property, in any Montana State University Billings facility, or at any Montana State University Billings function. Storing weapons in personal vehicles, or within the Residence Halls is prohibited.

Firearms being transported on campus for storage in the armory or upon retrieval from the armory must be in a case, which conceals them from view. See also; University Police Weapons On Campus Procedures PRO#107.9, Armory Use Application Form FM#107.9.1, Weapons Contract & Receipt Form FM#107.9.2, and Weapon Register (Chain of Custody) Form FM #107.9.3. Firearm locks are recommended, but not required.

EXCEPTIONS: Firearms are permitted in the following circumstances;

- I. In possession of;
 - A. A peace officer,
 - B. Federal authorities empowered to be armed.
- II. Stored in the MSU Billings armory,
- III. In transport directly to/from the MSU Billings armory,
- IV. With prior approval granted by the Chief of University Police.
- V. Renters of MSU Billings residential property. Example: Persons living in MSU Billings rental houses.

ARMORY:

- I. Use:
 - A. Following the guidelines established in the Weapons Procedures #107.9, students are allowed to store weapons in the armory for up to one year.
 - B. Students may store up to four firearms, and;
 - C. A reasonable number of other weapons determined by the Chief of University Police, as space allows.
- II. Access:
 - A. Qualified students wishing to place weapons in the armory may do so by bringing the weapon to the University Police office located in the lower level of the Parking Garage.

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- B. While the armory is available 24 hours a day, it is recommended to check in or out of the armory between 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. After-hours access is subject to waiting time as priority calls for service may cause a delay.
- C. It is recommended, but not required, for students to contact the University Police in advance to notify them that a weapon will be brought in.