Weapons Policy

Purpose
Lubbock Christian University places a high priority on safety, seeking to create a safe and secure environment on its campus for students, faculty, staff, and guests.

General Policy
Consequently, pursuant to section 30.06 of the Texas Penal Code, no person may enter onto Lubbock Christian University property with a handgun (concealed or open carry) at any time. Property of Lubbock Christian University includes:

a) All land and buildings owned or leased by Lubbock Christian University;
b) Grounds where an activity or event sponsored by Lubbock Christian University is being conducted;
c) Passenger transportation vehicles owned by Lubbock Christian University.

In addition, carrying or possessing a weapon of any kind is prohibited on campus and at school-sponsored events. Any LCU student, faculty member, staff member, or contractor violating this policy is subject to disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion, dismissal, or termination of employment. While LCU has opted to prohibit the concealed carry of a handgun, the university reserves the right to grant approved employees, who hold a License to Carry, to do so as deemed appropriate and necessary.

This prohibition against weapons possession is in effect to the fullest extent allowed under Texas laws, including laws pertaining to weapons generally (Texas Penal Code 46.03) and to those with a license to carry (Texas Penal Code 46.035). When appropriate, anyone violating this policy may also be subject to prohibition from the campus and/or criminal prosecution.

Definitions
As used in this policy, the term “weapon” encompasses any object or substance designed to inflict a wound, incapacitate, or cause injury, and includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- firearms, including, without limitation, rifles, shotguns, handguns, BB or pellet guns, compressed-air guns, paintball or airsoft guns;
- ammunition, including materials for making ammunition;
- explosive material, including bombs, grenades, rockets and fireworks, or items for making explosive materials;
- daggers, swords, spears, knives with blades longer than 5.5 inches, switchblades, butterfly knives, and other bladed weapons (including those intended for ceremonial or decorative uses);
- slingshots, bows and arrows, clubs, blackjacks, nightsticks, hunting, or martial arts weapons;
- weapons prohibited by Texas Penal Code Chapter 46 (which includes a variety of firearms, handguns, zip guns, clubs, knives, fake bombs, explosive weapons, and components of explosives that are possessed with the intent to create an explosive weapon);
- other dangerous weapons, especially those intended for warfare, combat, or hunting; and
- replicas or other objects that are made to look like actual weapons and could reasonably be mistaken by community members or police officers as actual weapons (including toy, fake, or facsimile weapons).

Note: Authorized campus officials may confiscate weapons and/or other items that do not violate the law, but constitute violations of LCU policies.

Violations of the Weapons Policy will not be tolerated and will be dealt with in accordance with the LCU Code of Community Standards, as well as criminal justice system.

Exceptions to the Policy
The only exceptions to this weapons prohibition are those authorized in writing by the Lubbock Christian University Police Department (LCUDP) Chief of Police and the exceptions below, which include exceptions mandated by law:

- State law (Texas Labor Code 52.061) permits employees (including LCU employees) who hold a license to carry and lawfully possess a firearm or ammunition, to store or transport the firearm or ammunition in a locked, privately owned vehicle in a parking lot, garage, or other parking area that the employer provides to the employee. This permission extends only to employees and not to visitors or contractors; it pertains only to locked, privately owned vehicles in LCU parking facilities and does not extend to LCU owned vehicles.
• State law (Texas Government Code 411.2032) permits persons who hold a license to carry (including enrolled LCU students) to store or transport firearms or ammunition in a locked, privately owned or leased vehicle located in LCU parking facilities or on campus streets and driveways.
• Peace Officers or special investigators under Article 2.1222, Code of Criminal Procedures are permitted to carry handguns at all times on campus regardless of whether the peace officer or special investigator is engaged in the actual discharge of the officer's or investigator's duties while carrying the handgun.
• Approved university experiments, educational forums, or projects, if written permission has been first obtained in writing from LCU’s Chief of Police.
• Any other exceptions must be approved in writing by LCU’s Chief of Police.

LCU expects all members of the campus community to help safeguard the community by reporting promptly to LCUPD any weapons discovered to be present on campus. Persons should report any concerns about violations of this policy to the Chief of Police, Vice President for Student Affairs, Dean of Students, or a supervisor. Any person concerned about an imminent threat of violence on university property or at a university-sponsored event should report the concern immediately to LCU Public Safety at 806.928.6803 or call 9-1-1.