

## MINNEAPOLIS COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN (MCAD) WEAPONS AND DANGEROUS ITEMS POLICY

MCAD is committed to maintaining a safe learning, living, and working environment for all students, employees, contractors, guests, and visitors.

Except as specifically authorized by the College or otherwise required by law, the possession, use, manufacture, sale, transfer, display, or storage of weapons and dangerous items is prohibited on College-owned, leased, or controlled property; in College housing; while operating College vehicles; and while participating in College-sponsored programs, activities, or events.

For purposes of this policy, weapons and dangerous items include, but are not limited to:

- Firearms, whether loaded or unloaded.
- Ammunition.
- Explosives, incendiary devices, fireworks, or combustible materials intended to cause harm or disruption.
- BB guns, pellet guns, airsoft guns, paintball guns, stun guns, Tasers, bows, crossbows, slingshots, and similar devices.
- Knives, blades, clubs, or other objects possessed, displayed, or used as weapons.
- Any object, instrument, article, or substance that is used, intended to be used, or reasonably could be used to threaten, intimidate, injure, or cause harm to another person.

This policy is not intended to prohibit the legitimate possession or use of tools, equipment, materials, utensils, or instruments that are reasonably necessary for academic, artistic, residential, maintenance, culinary, operational, or other authorized College purposes. Examples may include studio tools, utility knives, box cutters, kitchen knives, cutting instruments, and similar items.

However, otherwise permissible tools or instruments may be considered prohibited under this policy when they are possessed, carried, displayed, or used in a manner that threatens safety, creates fear, or is inconsistent with their authorized purpose.

The College reserves the right to determine, based on the totality of the circumstances, whether an item constitutes a weapon or dangerous item under this policy.

The College may authorize the possession, display, or use of otherwise prohibited items for legitimate educational, artistic, exhibition, research, maintenance, or operational purposes, subject to any conditions deemed necessary to protect the safety of the campus community. Such authorization must be obtained in advance through the appropriate College office.

Authorized law enforcement officers and other individuals specifically authorized by the College are exempt from this policy while acting within the scope of their duties or authorization.

Violations of this policy may result in removal from College property, disciplinary action, termination of employment, referral to law enforcement, or other sanctions as appropriate.