

**Coast Community College District**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE**  
Chapter 3  
General Institution

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**AP 3530 Weapons Prohibited on District Property**

**References:**

Penal Code Sections 626.9 and 626.10

Firearms, knives, explosives, tasers, stun guns, or other dangerous objects, including, but not limited to any facsimile of a firearm, knife, or explosive, are prohibited on District property, at the Colleges, or any College satellite location. Possession and use of pepper spray are allowed for self-defense only.

This Procedure does not prohibit the District or its Colleges from allowing items such as theatre props, starter pistols (using blanks) for athletics, and weapons used for academic purposes (such as police academies) from being possessed and used for their intended purpose on District or College property.

Activities involving firearms or other weapons conducted under the direction of District officials or as authorized by an official law enforcement agency shall be reported to the College Vice President of Administrative Services before taking place.

Any requests for volunteer or contracting with external armed security services requires prior approval by the Chancellor.

Bringing or possessing any firearm upon District property, unless the person is a duly appointed peace officer engaged in the performance of their duties or honorably retired peace officer while conducting District business, is prohibited.

No person, other than those specifically noted in Board Policy 3530, is allowed to possess a firearm or other weapon on District property even if they are legally permitted by the State of California to carry a firearm.

Bringing or possessing any dirk, dagger, ice pick, or knife having a fixed blade longer than 2 1/2 inches upon the grounds, unless the person is authorized by the College Public Safety Office to possess such a weapon in the course of their employment, or is a duly appointed peace officer engaged in the performance of their duties, is prohibited on any District property. Any student or employee who the College Public Safety Office has authorized to have a knife, including kitchen knives, must exercise caution in using and storing the knife. The limitation on possession of kitchen knives does not apply to

the residents of the Orange Coast College housing facility as long as the kitchen knives are not taken outside the residence.

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