

HORRY-GEORGETOWN TECHNICAL COLLEGE

# POLICY

Number: 9.3.5  
Title: Weapons/Firearms  
Authority: Title 59, Chapter 53, Sections 810-860 of the  
1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina, as Amended  
Responsibility: Vice President for Student Affairs  
  
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Chairperson

Horry-Georgetown Technical College, dedicated to providing safe campuses for its students, faculty/staff and the public, and in accordance with the provisions of South Carolina Code of Laws section 16-23-420, has established the following policies governing weapons/firearms.

For the purposes of the Policy, a “firearm” is defined as rifle, shotgun, pistol, or similar device that propels a projectile through the energy of an explosive. Further, a “weapon” is generally defined as a firearm, a blackjack, a metal pipe or pole, or any other type of device, or object which may be used to inflict bodily injury or death.

Except as otherwise provided by law, no person except for a licensed guard, law enforcement officer, or active member of the armed forces, shall possess a firearm of any kind, regardless of whether the person holds a concealed weapons permit, on any premises, property, and/or property immediately adjacent to and owned, operated, or controlled by Horry-Georgetown Technical College including grounds and parking lots of Horry- Georgetown Technical College or College sponsored events. This prohibition of weapons on any premises or property owned, operated, or controlled by the College does not apply when the weapon remains inside an attended or locked motor vehicle and is secured in a closed glove compartment, closed console, closed trunk, or in a closed container secured by an integral fastener and transported in the luggage compartment of the vehicle. Weapons/firearms legally secured in personal vehicles must not be removed from the vehicle while on College grounds. Violation of these provisions may result in confiscation of the weapon, and criminal prosecution and/or College disciplinary action, including expulsion.