

Weapons Free Campus

Purpose

To ensure a safe, welcoming, and peaceful environment for all congregants, staff, and visitors, our church maintains a strict **Weapons-Free Campus Policy**. This policy is in place to promote safety and security while fostering a place of worship and community free from the presence of weapons.

Policy Statement

No person—whether a member, visitor, volunteer, or staff—shall bring, carry, or possess any weapon on church property, including but not limited to:

- Firearms (concealed or open carry)
- Knives (other than small utility or pocket knives under 3 inches)
- Explosives or fireworks
- Tasers, stun guns, or similar devices
- Any other weapon that could cause harm or intimidation

This prohibition applies to all areas of church property, including buildings, parking lots, outdoor gathering spaces, and any church-sponsored events held off-site.

Exceptions

This policy does not apply to:

- **On-duty law enforcement officers** or authorized security personnel performing official duties.
- **Approved ceremonial or theatrical use** of prop weapons in controlled church activities, subject to prior approval by church leadership.

Enforcement

Anyone found in violation of this policy will be asked to remove the weapon from church property immediately. Refusal to comply may result in further action, including being asked to leave the premises or involvement of law enforcement if necessary.

Reporting

If a weapon is observed on campus, members should not confront the individual but instead notify church leadership or designated security personnel immediately.

Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed periodically to ensure compliance with state and local laws and to address any emerging safety concerns.

By entering church property, all individuals acknowledge and agree to abide by this **Weapons-Free Campus Policy**.

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