



TECHNICAL COLLEGE
OF THE LOWCOUNTRY

POLICY: Prohibition of Firearms and Weapons
Number: 2.4.2

Responsibility: Administrative Services
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State Policy/Law:

Commission Chair

President

To aid in ensuring a safe and secure environment for all members of the College community, firearms and weapons are prohibited in any building, premises or property owned, operated or controlled by the Technical College of the Lowcountry. This policy also prohibits carrying weapons that can be dangerous to self and other such as air rifles, pistols, knives, blackjacks, metal pipes, clubs, dirks, slingshots, brass knuckles, razor or other types of weapons, objects or devices in which the purpose of the object or device is to inflict injury to a person or damage to property.

Certified and credentialed law enforcement officials having authorization to carry firearms or weapons are exempt from this policy.

An exception to this policy is provided in the Criminal Justice Program's Pre-Police Academy Certification program with the Technical College of the Lowcountry. The principal instructor of the program, in coordination with the Vice President for Administrative Services, is authorized to maintain firearms about TCL campuses for the purpose of academic instruction. Firearms and other police equipment approved for academic instruction will be maintained in accordance with procedures established by the College.

Instructors of the Pre-Police Academy Certificate that possess a minimum of 10 years credible law enforcement and who have been vetted and approved by the College to instruct in Pre-police Academy Certification program are authorized to manage and secure College approved firearms and weapons in accordance with procedures established by the Technical College of the Lowcountry. These instructors are permitted to possess a concealed weapon aboard campus contingent upon their possessing authorization by the State of South Carolina to carry a firearm and their providing to the College appropriate documentation that authorizes concealed carry of a firearm.

Procedure: 2.4.2.1 Firearms – Criminal Justice