
Possession of Deadly Weapons or Firearms

I. Definitions:

- A. ~~Deadly Weapon and Firearm as used in this section, a firearm is as defined as in 18 UCS § 921 means~~ (a) any weapon that will, is designed to, or may be readily converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; (b) the frame or receiver or any such weapon; (c) a firearm muffler or silencer; ~~or~~ (d) any destructive device, any explosive, incendiary, poisonous gas, bomb, rocket, missile, mine, grenade or similar device; ~~or~~ (e) any weapon other than a shotgun or shotgun shell particularly suited for sporting purposes (that will or may be converted to expel a projectile by explosive or other propellant having a barrel with a bore of more than ½ inch in diameter). ~~The term “destructive device” also includes any combination of parts either designed or intended for use in converting any device into any destructive device or any device from which a destructive device may be readily assembled. A “destructive device” does not include: an antique firearm; a rifle intended to be used by the owner solely for sporting, recreational, or cultural purposes; or any device which is neither designed nor redesigned for use as a weapon. Furthermore, a~~ Furthermore, a “deadly weapon” means any weapon, whether loaded or unloaded, from which a shot may be discharged, or a switchblade knife, gravity knife, billy, blackjack, bludgeon or metal knuckles. ~~“Deadly Weapon” does not include a pocketknife with a blade of less than 1½ inches in length. Furthermore, a weapon such as a pellet gun and/or air soft pistol may constitute a “deadly weapon” if such weapon is designed for violence and is capable of inflicting death or serious bodily harm. In making such determination, the following factors should be considered: design of weapon; how weapon is typically used (e.g., hunting); type of projectile; force and velocity of discharge; method of discharge (i.e., spring v. (CO₂) cartridge); and potential for serious bodily harm or death.~~

Deadly Weapon also includes the following types of items:

- A “destructive device” ~~also~~ includes any combination of parts either designed or intended for use in converting any device into any destructive device or any device from which a destructive device may be readily assembled.
- A “dangerous instrument” means any instrument, article or substance which, under the circumstances in which it is used or attempted or threatened to be used, is capable of causing death or serious physical injury, and includes a “vehicle”.
- “martial arts weapon” means a nunchaku, kama, kasari-fundo, octagon sai, tonfa or chinese star.

“Firearm” means any sawed-off shotgun, pistol, revolver, or other weapon, whether loaded or unloaded, from which a shot may be discharged.

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~~B. Peace Officer means a state police officer, a member of a local police department,; an inspector in the State Division of Criminal Justice,; a sheriff, deputy sheriff or special deputy sheriff,; a conservation officer or special conservation officer,; a constable who performs criminal law enforcement duties,; a special policeman, an adult probation officer,; a Department of Correction official authorized by the Commissioner of Correction to make arrests in a correctional institution or facility,; an investigator in the Investigations Unit of the Office of the State Treasurer, or any special agent of the federal government. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 53a-3(9).~~

"Peace officer" means a member of the Division of State Police within the Department of Public Safety or an organized local police department, a chief inspector or inspector in the Division of Criminal Justice, a state marshal while exercising authority granted under any provision of the general statutes, a judicial marshal in the performance of the duties of a judicial marshal, a conservation officer or special conservation officer, as defined in section 26-5, a constable who performs criminal law enforcement duties, a special policeman appointed under section 29-18, 29-18a or 29-19, an adult probation officer, an official of the Department of Correction authorized by the Commissioner of Correction to make arrests in a correctional institution or facility, any investigator in the investigations unit of the office of the State Treasurer or any special agent of the federal government authorized to enforce the provisions of Title 21 of the United States Code;

C. Real Property ~~means~~ **is** the land and all temporary and permanent structures comprising the ~~D~~istrict's elementary and secondary schools, administrative office buildings, and ~~the~~ bus yard. Real property includes, but is not limited to, the following: classrooms, hallways, storage facilities, theatres, gymnasiums, fields and parking lots.

D. School-Sponsored Activity means any activity sponsored, recognized or authorized by a Board of Education, and includes activities conducted on or off school property." ~~Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-233a(h).~~

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II. Prohibition of Deadly Weapons and Firearms

~~In accordance with (Conn. Gen. Statutes and Regulations § 29-28(e) and § 53a-217b), the possession and/or use of a deadly weapon or firearm on the real property of any school or administrative office building in this district, or at a school-sponsored activity, is prohibited, even if the person possessing the deadly weapon or firearm has a permit for such item.~~

III. — Peace Officer Exception

~~A peace officer engaged in the performance of his or her official duties who is in lawful possession of a deadly weapon or firearm may bring such item on the real property of any school or administrative office building in this district, or to a school-sponsored activity. Students are prohibited by the Board of Education from possessing firearms for any reason, whether otherwise lawful or not, in or on the real property comprising the public or private elementary or secondary school or at a school-sponsored activity as defined in subsection (h) of section 10-233a.~~

- A. A person is prohibited from possession of a firearm or deadly weapon: (1) in or on the real property comprising a Glastonbury elementary or secondary school, or (2) at a school-sponsored activity.
- B. The prohibition shall not apply to the otherwise lawful possession of a firearm: (1) by a person for use in a program approved by school officials in or on such school property or at such school-sponsored activity, or (2) by a person in accordance with an agreement entered into between school officials and such person or such person's employer, or (3) by a peace officer while engaged in the performance of such peace officer's official duties.

(cf. 5114 Suspension/Expulsion/Exclusion/Removal)

Legal Reference:

[18 United States Code Section 921](#)

Connecticut General Statutes and Regulations: [Section 29-28\(e\)](#)

[Section 53a-3\(6\)](#)

[Section 53a-3\(7\)](#)

[Section 53a-3\(9\)](#)

[Section 53a-3\(19\)](#)

[Section 53a-3\(21\)](#)

[Section 53a-217\(b\)](#)

[Section 10-233a\(h\)](#)

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