

SCIOTO COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

POLICY 4.25 FIREARMS, LETHAL WEAPONS AND DANGEROUS ORDNANCES (Concealed Carry Restrictions)

I. Introduction

Federal and state laws concerning the carrying of concealed firearms, lethal weapons, and dangerous ordnances are continuing to evolve. This policy is intended to explain the expectations of the Board in regards to these laws in situations where the Board is able to assert its authority. Currently, a conviction for some weapons violations carry a 10 year exclusion from being employed in the DD field.

II. Prohibited Actions

Fire arms, lethal weapons and dangerous ordnances are strictly prohibited in the buildings and on the grounds any building over which the Scioto County Board of DD has authority in the possession of any person who is not authorized to transport or possess such devices.

A. Buildings and Activities

Due to the majority of the agency's buildings and grounds being located within the federal government's definition of a school zone, fire arms, lethal weapons, dangerous ordnances and items indistinguishable from a firearm are only permitted inside any buildings or at activities/events which are under the authority of the Board in the custody of the following persons:

1. An officer, agent, or employee of this or any other state or the United States, or to a law enforcement officer, who is authorized to carry concealed weapons or dangerous ordnance or is authorized to carry handguns and is acting within the scope of the officer's, agent's, or employee's duties; and
2. A school administrator, teacher, or employee who possesses an object that is indistinguishable from a firearm for legitimate school purposes during the course of employment, a student who uses an object that is indistinguishable from a firearm under the direction of a school administrator, teacher, or employee, or any other person who with the express prior approval of a Superintendent possesses an object that is indistinguishable from a firearm for a legitimate purpose, including the use of the object in a ceremonial activity, a play, reenactment, or other dramatic presentation, school safety training, or another similar use of the object.

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B. Grounds

Firearms, lethal weapons and dangerous ordnances are only permitted on any grounds which are under the authority of the Board and where no outside activities/events are underway in the custody of the following persons:

1. An officer, agent, or employee of this or any other state or the United States, or to a law enforcement officer, who is authorized to carry concealed weapons or dangerous ordnance or is authorized to carry handguns and is acting within the scope of the officer's, agent's, or employee's duties; and
2. An active duty military member, if the military member has on his/her person a valid Ohio license to carry a concealed weapon, military identification and paperwork indicating the member has had firearm training equivalent to that required of licensees. The term "active duty" means full-time duty in the active military service of the United States. Such term includes full-time training duty, annual training duty, and attendance, while in the active military service, at a school designated as a service school by law or by the Secretary of the military department concerned. The term "active duty" does not include full-time National Guard duty.
3. A person with a valid concealed carry license, who leaves these items locked in his/her vehicle that is parked in a place designated for parking vehicles. However, when exercising concealed carry rights, this person much meet the following condition, and otherwise be in compliance with the Ohio concealed carry law and regulations

Each firearm and all of the ammunition must remain inside the vehicle while the person is physically present inside the vehicle, or each firearm and all of the ammunition must be locked within the trunk, glove box, or other enclosed compartment or container within or on the vehicle.

C. Vehicles

1. No one may carry a firearm, lethal weapon dangerous ordnance or any object indistinguishable from a firearm, in any vehicle owned, leased, or operated under the auspices of the Board.

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2. No one without a concealed carry license may carry a firearm, lethal weapon or dangerous ordnance in a personally owned vehicle that is being used to transport service recipients or while performing Board business.
3. No one with a concealed carry license may carry a firearm, lethal weapon or dangerous ordnance in a personally owned vehicle that is being used to transport service recipients or while performing Board business unless authorized by the Superintendent .

However, when authorized to do so, this person must meet the following conditions and otherwise be in compliance with the Ohio concealed carry law and regulations:

- a. Each firearm and all of the ammunition must remain inside the vehicle while the person is physically present inside the vehicle, or each firearm and all of the ammunition must be locked within the trunk, glove box, or other enclosed compartment or container within or on the vehicle.
 - b. The vehicle is in a location where it is otherwise permitted to be.
4. Employees with a valid concealed carry license who have a firearm and ammunition in their vehicle while traveling to and from work, or between work locations must follow Ohio law for conveyance and possession while inside the vehicle.

D. Disclaimer

The Board shall not be held liable in any civil action for damages, injuries, or death resulting from or arising out of another person's actions involving a firearm or ammunition transported or stored on the Board's property. (Ref.: 2923.1210)