Carry of Firearm or Weapon Policy

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Part 1. Policy Background and Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish restrictions on the possession or carry of firearms or weapons on White Earth Tribal and Community College (WETCC) property.

Part 2. Definitions

A firearm means a gun, whether loaded or not, that can discharge a shot or projectile by means of an explosive, gas, or compressed air.

Weapon describes anything that can be used for inflicting bodily harm or physical damage which may include but not be limited to a knife, bat, baton, etc... A weapon does not include Pepper Spray when used as a defense mechanism.

Part 3. Responsibility

It is the responsibility of everyone on campus to comply with this policy.

Anyone with a reasonable basis for believing an individual (other than a licensed law enforcement officer) is in possession of or carrying a firearm or weapon in violation of this policy has a responsibility to report the suspected act in a timely manner to the Security Officer, unless doing so would subject the individual to physical harm.

Supervisory personnel is responsible for handling employee compliance issues.

The Associate Dean of Student Services is responsible for handling student compliance issues.

Part 4. Policy

Subpart A. Campus Policy

It is the policy of WETCC that only a licensed law enforcement officer can carry or possess a firearm or weapon in any WETCC building, regardless of whether the individual has a permit to carry a firearm.

This policy does not prohibit the lawful possession or carry of firearms in a parking area or parking facility.

Subpart B. Academics
Lawful possession or carry related to an academic use may be subject to separate policies and procedures as recommended by faculty and approved by the President and Council of Trustees.

Subpart C. Law Enforcement
Any incidents of illegal activity will be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency.