

Possession and Use of Weapons

As provided in Tennessee Code Annotated §39-17-1309, any unauthorized or illegal possession of, use of, or wearing of firearms or dangerous weapons of any kind shall not be permitted on the Jackson State Community College campuses.

Weapons shall include, though not exclusively, the following:

- An explosive or an explosive weapon. Explosive weapon means any explosive, incendiary or poisonous gas bomb, grenade, rocket, mine or shell, missile or projectile that is designed, made or adapted for the purpose of inflicting serious bodily injury, death or substantial property damage.
- A device principally designed, made or adapted for delivering or shooting an explosive weapon.
- Any knife that has a blade that opens automatically by applied pressure, gravity or inertia, bowie knife, hawk bill knife, or other weapons of like kind.
- Any other device used for infliction of serious bodily injury or death that has no common lawful purpose.

On July 1, 2016, T.C.A. § 39-17-1309(e)(9) was amended allowing full-time employees of public institutions of higher education who possess a valid handgun carry permit issued under T.C.A. § 39-17-1351 to carry a concealed handgun on property owned, operated, or controlled by JSCC. The employee must be a full-time employee, must not be a current Jackson State Community College student, and must possess a valid handgun carry permit. The employee must notify campus law enforcement. The employee must meet and abide by all requirements set forth by Tennessee Code Annotated §39-17-1309 and §39-17-1351, Tennessee Board of Regents P7:01:00:00, and JSCC Policy.

Possession solely for instructional or school-sanctioned ceremonial purposes is permitted with prior approval from the Chief of Police at Jackson State Community College or his designee.