

DANGEROUS ITEMS POLICY: FIREARMS, FIREWORKS, and WEAPONS

Firearms, fireworks, and smoke bombs are illegal and prohibited. Combustibles, ammunition, torches, gasoline canisters and other explosives are prohibited without the written approval of a University official. Weapons are prohibited on campus. A "weapon" includes:

- Any item or instrument which is defined as a weapon under city, state, or federal law;
- Any item designed to inflict a wound, cause injury, or incapacitate another person;
- Any item used to harass, threaten, intimidate, assault, or batter, or
- Any item the University deems dangerous.

The following are examples of what are considered weapons and are therefore strictly prohibited:

Guns, slingshots, cross-bows, bows and arrows, nunchucks, spears, switchblades, brass knuckles, billy clubs, fighting or throwing knives, martial arts weapons, toy weapons that appear to be real, BB guns, pellet guns, dart guns, stun guns, air guns, homemade guns, paint guns, instruments that eject projectiles. A "gun" includes, but is not limited to, rifles, pistols, or any variation, and BB's, pellets, darts, or any other ammunition.

DEMONSTRATION POLICY (ON CAMPUS)

A demonstration is defined as any public display of support for or in opposition to any person, group, organization, cause, institution, idea, or policy. A demonstration shall not include mere attendance at any scheduled university-sponsored activity, even if badges, armbands, distinctive clothing, or similar symbols or opposition are displayed.

Peaceful and orderly demonstration is considered to be one of the many legitimate avenues for the free expression of ideas. Accordingly, the University will assure the right of students and approved student organizations to demonstrate and publicly proclaim any view, however unpopular. This policy is intended to uphold the right of free speech of both demonstrators and speakers while also safeguarding the right of others to see and to listen.

The University of Miami supports the rights of individual students and student organizations to demonstrate, provided such activities do not disrupt normal activities or infringe upon the rights of others. The right to express ideas freely carries with it certain responsibilities, among which is the obligation to refrain from interfering with the rights of other members of the academic community to pursue legitimate educational objectives.

Persons engaging in activities on University property are subject to and expected to comply with all applicable University policies and procedures and all applicable laws, including any state statutes and relevant county and municipal ordinances.

The safety and well-being of members of the campus community collectively and individually must be protected at all times; thus the University maintains the right to regulate and monitor the time, place, and manner in which activities occur on campus.

The following guidelines apply to all demonstrations:

1. Persons may not display, threaten to use, or attempt to use firearms, explosives, or other weapons on University property.
2. Persons may not engage in or threaten physically abusive behavior or cause or threaten to cause physical injury to another person.
3. Persons may not set fire to, or damage by any other means (e.g., including by use of any hazardous or noxious substance), any University building or any property (e.g., books, papers, records, electronic medium), of the University or of others.

4. Persons may not block or otherwise interfere with the free flow of vehicular, bicycle, or pedestrian traffic. The right of way on streets and sidewalks must be maintained, unless the closure is authorized in writing by the Office of the Dean of Students.
5. Persons may not block or otherwise interfere with ingress and egress into and out of campus buildings, exterior patios, plazas, or gathering places or adversely occupy or take over any building or part thereof.
6. Persons may not obstruct, disrupt, or attempt to force the cancellation of any event or activity sponsored by the University or by any users authorized to use University facilities, including classes and other schedule activities.
7. Use of indoor or outdoor public address systems and amplified sound, or of signage within buildings requires prior approval from the Office of the Dean of Students.
8. The Office of the Dean of Students must be notified of any planned demonstration two business days prior to the event.
9. Spontaneous (non-planned) demonstrations are restricted to designated University of Miami free speech zones.

Demonstrations are also subject to Florida Statute 877.13 and the City of Coral Gables Code which can be found in the Appendix of this manual.

Failure to Comply with Demonstration Guidelines

Each individual participating in any demonstration, as defined by this policy, whether sponsored or not, is accountable for compliance with this policy. Sponsoring organizations, agencies, and other entities are also responsible for compliance with this policy.

In the event of the violation of these guidelines, University official may direct demonstrators (a) to comply with these guidelines, (b) to cease and desist their activities, and/or (c) to leave the premises or campus. Demonstrators or spectators who are alleged to be in violation of these guidelines should, if at all possible, first be warned by University officials and given the opportunity to cease and desist. If they fully comply with such request and no crime or violation of University of Miami policies, procedures, or Students Rights and Responsibilities has been committed, no adverse actions will be taken.

Students who knowingly violate this policy governing demonstrations on campus or fail to cease and desist after being warned to do so are subject to disciplinary action, arrest, and/or other action by appropriate authorities. Student organizations charged with violating this policy will be referred to the Committee on Student Organizations and the Office of the Dean of Students. Sanction for failing to abide with policy guidelines may include termination of the demonstration and prohibition of future demonstration activities.

Procedure

1. Recognized University organizations and full or part-time students who wish to schedule a demonstration, rally, or equivalent activity, may request the space through the Office of the Dean of Students. Any such request must be made no less than two business days in advance of the activity.
2. Demonstrations may be held at locations on campus with the approval of the Dean of Students Office on a first-come, first-serve basis after an assessment that such demonstrations will not otherwise interfere with scheduled University use or fail to comply with the guidelines applicable to all demonstrations.
3. The required registration form can be obtained by calling (305) 284-5353. The following information is required from each individual or organization submitting a form: name of UM sponsoring organization; date, time, length of demonstration; location, issue/topic/reason for demonstration; estimated number of participants; person(s) in charge (names, addresses, phone numbers); and names of known non-University participants (addresses, phone numbers). Any and all co-sponsoring organizations, companies, agencies, or other entities must be identified