

knives; swords; metal knuckles; bludgeons or clubs; slingshots; archery equipment; tear gas; and grenades or other explosive/incendiary devices.

Additionally, the College recognizes that many common objects and tools designed for uses other than as a weapon may be used or may be modified for use as a weapon. In considering whether a particular common object or tool is considered to be a weapon under this policy, College officials will consider the time, place, how the object is being used, and other circumstances surrounding the possession of the object including the explanation for its possession and whether the object has been modified or otherwise altered to make a more effective weapon in making their determination.

Shotguns and high-caliber rifles used specifically for sporting purposes (with a valid Maine hunting license only) during Maine's hunting season must be registered and stored under Campus Security Department's supervision in Roberts Union. Please refer to the following link for the [Procedure for authorized secure firearm storage](#). **No concealed weapons are allowed on campus.**

Hunting on Colby property is forbidden, as the entire campus is designated a state game preserve. Students should also be aware that it is illegal to discharge a firearm anywhere within City of Waterville limits. Any weapon or object on campus in violation of this policy will be confiscated and may result in disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion.

Free Expression: The right of free expression—which does not include a right to harass, intimidate, injure, or silence others—is essential in an academic community and will be vigorously upheld. Infringing upon the expression of views, either by interfering with a speaker, or by defacing or removing properly posted or distributed notices or materials, will not be tolerated. Because unattributed (anonymous) postings preclude dialogue on content, materials such as posters, banners and advertisements should, but are not required to, include the identity of the sponsors. The College may impose sanctions if there is interference with the free, open, civil exchange of ideas and views, including harassment or intimidation. For further information, refer to the [Statement of Principles on Freedom of Inquiry and Expression](#).

Fraternity Activity: The Colby Board of Trustees voted in January 1984 to abolish fraternities and sororities because they were inconsistent with so many of the fundamental values described in this Handbook. These organizations typically have most or all of the following features: (1) Exclusive and secret membership, typically but not always involving a single sex, (2) activities conducted in secret, (3) secret recruiting and issuance of invitations in order to become a member, (4) initiations or other rituals including possible hazing activities, (5) Greek letters to identify the organization, and (6) the organization is not recognized by the College. Anyone engaging in these activities, on or off campus, either as a member, recruiter or pledge, shall be subject to sanction, possibly including suspension or additional penalties that could include expulsion depending on the seriousness of the violation. Anyone engaging in these activities, on or off campus shall be subject to sanction, possibly including suspension or expulsion, depending on the seriousness of the violation.

Hazing: Hazing is prohibited even if a student who is the subject of hazing consents or is a willing participant. Colby's definition of hazing also includes any action taken or situation created, whether on or off campus, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment or ridicule of a student or students. Hazing is illegal under Maine law (20-A M.R.S.A. Section 10004). The law defines hazing as "any action or situation, including harassing behavior, which recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health