



## Laws and Policies Governing Non-Firearm Weapons on Campus

**Note:** [House Bill 280](#), commonly referred to as “campus carry”, only modifies legislation regarding handguns, and has no relation to knives or bladed weapons, pepper/OC spray, or electroshock weapons (such as TASERs).

### NOT PERMITTED ON CAMPUS

#### Bladed Weapons

- [O.C.G.A. §16-11-127.1](#) classifies “...any dirk, bowie knife, switchblade knife, ballistic knife, any other knife having a blade of **two or more inches**, straight-edge razor, razor blade...” as a weapon, stating that the possession or carrying of such weapon is unlawful on a college campus.

### PERMITTED ON CAMPUS

#### Pepper/OC Spray

- Pepper/OC spray is not regulated under Georgia law.
- As such, it is allowed to be carried and possessed on the Georgia Tech campus
- Misuse of pepper spray may be subject to disciplinary sanctions under Institute policy:
  - For students, [Non-Academic Misconduct](#)
  - For faculty and staff, [General Work Rules](#)

#### Electroshock Weapons

- Commonly referred to as “stun guns” or by the brand name TASER, possession and carrying of these weapons is allowed for individuals 18 years of age and older.
- Regulated by [O.C.G.A. §16-11-127.1](#)
- As with pepper spray, misuse may be subject to disciplinary sanctions under Institute policy