



Wadleigh Memorial Library

49 Nashua Street Milford, NH 03055

POLICY: 500 - 005

GROUP: CONDUCT IN THE LIBRARY

TITLE: **Weapons Policy**

It is recognized that the employees and patrons of the **Wadleigh Memorial Library** have the right to, and should be ensured, a working environment that is free of dangerous weapons that may jeopardize their health, safety, and welfare. This policy is enacted to protect, preserve and promote the health, safety, welfare and quality of life for the employees and patrons of the Library.

The Library requests that no weapon, either concealed or visible, whether it is a handgun, rifle, shotgun, BB gun, pellet gun or any other type of firearm, chemical spray, stun gun, or any knife with a blade length of 3 inches or more, be carried while within the library building. Even those who have licenses to carry a concealed weapon are asked not to do so within the library.

Duly sworn Law Enforcement Officers of the State of New Hampshire, County Sheriffs, officers of a municipal agency in New Hampshire or of a Federal Enforcement Agency, or any other duly sworn Law Enforcement Officer, are exempt from this policy.

Any person who engages in behavior which would reasonably be construed to be disruptive to a safe and inviting atmosphere in the Library or on its property may be told to leave by the Director or their designee. Using, or threatening to use, any dangerous weapons such as a gun, a knife, a chemical spray, an electric stun device, or any other similar device, is extremely damaging to the safe and inviting atmosphere we wish to promote, and any person who engages in this behavior shall not be permitted to enter or remain in the Library or on its property.

In the event of a conflict, the Title XII Public Safety and Welfare, Chapter 159 Pistols and Revolvers of the NH State Statutes shall supersede this policy.

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