

In accordance with Arizona Board of Regents and Northern Arizona University policies¹ regarding weapons and personal defense, personal safety devices that fall within the permissible categories outlined below are permitted on Northern Arizona University property and facilities, including in campus housing.² Within these categories, only items that are legal for the general public to purchase and possess, and that are specifically designed, marketed, and sold for the purpose of protecting personal safety from physical attack by other people are allowed. Items restricted for law enforcement use only are prohibited.

Individuals who choose to equip themselves with permitted personal safety devices are responsible for knowing and abiding by all laws, regulations, and policies that govern their possession and use. The willful misuse of any permitted personal safety device for any purpose other than legitimate self-defense is considered misconduct subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion or termination. Such misuse may also constitute a violation of law punishable by substantial civil or criminal sanction.

PERMITTED ITEMS

Personal Alarms. Small hand-held electronic devices that when triggered emit a loud sound designed to attract attention and to potentially scare, confuse, or disorient an assailant.

Chemical Repellents. Personal defensive sprays or sprayable gels typically containing oleoresin capsicum (an active component in chili peppers) designed to repel a human attacker, such as Sabre pepper spray or Mace Triple Action. For safety reasons, individuals choosing to carry a defensive chemical repellent are encouraged to select a product that does not resemble or mimic a firearm.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

Personal safety devices or defensive weapons that do not clearly fall within the University's allowable categories of permitted personal safety devices as outlined above are prohibited. Additionally, with the exception of firearms lawfully stored and locked in a privately-owned motor vehicle or compartment of a motorcycle and not visible from the outside of the motor vehicle or motorcycle, all firearms and live ammunition, including those carried with a permit, are prohibited on University property.

¹ See primarily Arizona Board of Regents, [Policy 5-308, Student Code of Conduct](#), revised June 2018 and Northern Arizona University, [Weapons on Campus](#), revised January 2019.

² Northern Arizona University reserves the right to prohibit all or some types of permitted personal safety devices from sensitive areas or under certain circumstances.