



**PROHIBITED
FIREARMS
DANGEROUS/DEADLY WEAPONS
THREATENING/ASSAULTIVE BEHAVIOR**

The possession of firearms or dangerous/deadly weapons on these premises by any individual, including any individual who possesses a license to carry a concealed weapon, is prohibited.

EXCEPTIONS

- On-duty federal, state, or local government law enforcement/security personnel or employees authorized to carry a firearm only while engaged in official duties.
- State property specifically designated for hunting or target shooting.
- Unless otherwise prohibited, any person lawfully allowed to be present in the area may keep a lawfully possessed firearm stored out of view, locked inside, or locked to a personal motor vehicle. A canister of pepper spray less than or equal to one ounce used solely for self-defense purposes by any person over the age of sixteen (16) at the Capitol Complex, and other State government workplaces, is also allowed.

Individuals seeking entrance to State-owned, leased, or operated facilities may be subject to security screening procedures which include:

- ✓ Passing through a metal detector, and
- ✓ Having personal possessions (e.g., purses, briefcases, backpacks, etc.) x-rayed or manually searched.

Threatening or assaultive behavior is prohibited. Any person who exhibits threatening or assaultive behavior, physical or verbal, or who otherwise willfully disrupts the orderly and peaceful process of any department, division, or agency of State government, may be subject to arrest and criminal prosecution.

PENALTIES

Any person who, upon request, refuses to vacate the premises while unlawfully possessing a firearm or other deadly/dangerous weapon may be charged with a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, may be fined not more than \$1000 or be confined in jail for not more than 6 months, or both. (*W. Va. Code § 61-7-14*)

Any person who engages in threatening or assaultive behavior may be subject to arrest and criminal prosecution. (*W. Va. Code §§ 61-6-1b and 61-6-19*)

Any employee who violates the provisions of the West Virginia Division of Personnel's *Workplace Security* policy is subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

The policy and posters are available at: www.personnel.wv.gov/rules/policies/Pages/default.aspx or call 304-558-3950 to request that forms be emailed to you.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION