



WEAPONS POLICY

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The Church of the Resurrection (“Church”) strives to provide a safe environment for its guests and members, free from violence. The purpose of this policy is to help facilitate that safe environment through the prohibition of firearms and other weapons, while complying with all federal and state laws and regulations. After considering state and local laws that allow the carrying of firearms, the Church has elected to prohibit weapons of any type on its premises.

The possession, wearing, carrying, transporting, or use of any type of firearms, explosives, or any other weapons, is strictly prohibited on Church property and at all Church-sponsored gatherings held off-site. Possession and use of fireworks is likewise prohibited unless approved in advance by the Safety, Compliance, and Risk Management Lead Director for use at a Church-sponsored event. This prohibition extends to Church members, guests, employees, and volunteers, with or without a concealed-carry permit. Employees may store and secure their firearms or other weapons in their vehicles prior to entering the Church, as long as they are stored and secured safely and in compliance with all applicable laws. Pepper spray (oleoresin capsicum, or “OC”) may be possessed by people on Church premises, solely for the purpose of self-protection, if done in compliance with applicable laws.

Exceptions to this policy are granted to any sworn law enforcement personnel engaged in official duties, including off-duty sworn officers present as part of the Church security teams. The Safety, Compliance, and Risk Management Lead Director may also grant or revoke exceptions to others acting as part of the Church’s security teams.

Any suspected violations of this policy must be brought promptly to the attention of the Safety, Compliance, and Risk Management Lead Director.