

INDIANA SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

Firearms Safety on ISBVI Campus

Policy/Procedure O-65

Policy: Indiana statutory provisions IC 35-47-2-1 and IC 34-28-7-2 allow:

- (1) a person to carry a handgun in a vehicle that is owned, leased, rented, or otherwise legally controlled by the person, if the handgun is:
 - (A) unloaded;
 - (B) not readily accessible; and
 - (C) secured in a case.

- (2) the person to carry a handgun while lawfully present in a vehicle that is owned, leased, rented, or otherwise legally controlled by another person, if the handgun is:
 - (A) unloaded;
 - (B) not readily accessible; and
 - (C) secured in a case.

ISBVI employees and visitors are not committing a felony if they carry a firearm AND that firearm remains LOCKED in his/her vehicle out of plain sight, is unloaded, and is in a secure case.

Student, staff and visitor safety is of paramount importance at the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ISBVI). The administration of the school and the school's cooperating Indiana School for the Deaf (ISD) police prefer that **no** person outside of law enforcement brings a firearm onto campus; however, it is also understood that there may be an occasion when someone has a need to possess a firearm on campus, in which case the firearm must be unloaded, not readily accessible, and secured out of sight in the person's locked vehicle.

The statutory provisions do not allow anyone to carry firearms on their person around campus, in any campus buildings, or at school functions. The only persons permitted to carry firearms on the ISBVI campus are the ISD Police Officers and other law enforcement individuals who may come on campus. **Carrying a firearm on your person could result in disciplinary measures and/or possible criminal charges.**

It is required of all faculty, staff, students and visitors to contact the ISBVI Administration immediately if there is a safety emergency on campus. No one should ever take matters into their own hands if there is a concern for personal, student, staff, or visitor safety. Removing a firearm from a vehicle could still result in a felony charge if it is deemed to be threatening and/or negligent in nature. As a matter of safety, it is imperative that individuals not communicate to anyone that a firearm is in a vehicle to prevent potential theft or misuse.

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