

**BRIDGEVALLEY COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

POLICY A-9

DEADLY WEAPONS, DESTRUCTIVE DEVICES, AND CONCEALED PISTOLS/REVOLVERS

Section 1. General

- 1.1. Scope — This policy imposes the prohibition and penalties for the possession or storage of deadly weapons or destructive devices as that term is defined in W.Va. Code § 61-3E-1 and § 61-7-2, on the campus of BridgeValley Community and Technical College (BridgeValley) and any of its off-campus or leased facilities. This policy also recognizes the permissions and restrictions outlined in W.Va. Code § 18B-4-5b relating to concealed pistols and revolvers.
- 1.2. Authority — W. Va. Code §§ 18B-1-6, 18B-2A-4, 18B-4-5b, and 61-7-14
- 1.3. Effective Date — July 1, 2024

Section 2. Applicability

- 2.1. This policy applies to:
 - 2.1.1. All BridgeValley faculty, staff, students, and visitors, including all off-campus or leased College sites; and
 - 2.1.2. Any private vehicles when parked or operated on the campus of BridgeValley or any of its off campus or leased facilities.
 - 2.1.3. Exceptions to this policy may be granted by the President or their designee in writing, in certain circumstances.
 - 2.1.4. The provisions of this policy shall not apply to the following persons while acting in their official capacity:
 - 2.1.4.1. Law enforcement officers or officials;
 - 2.1.4.2. Members of the West Virginia National Guard or the armed forces of the United States; or
 - 2.1.4.3. Individuals required to possess the items prohibited by this policy to participate in undertakings sanctioned by BridgeValley.

Section 3. Regulations

- 3.1. Possession or storage of a destructive device, or deadly weapon, except for legally owned firearms is prohibited on the campus of BridgeValley, and any of its off-campus or leased facilities. Additionally, destructive devices and deadly weapons are not authorized in institution-owned vehicles.
- 3.2. Firearms may not be carried unconcealed. However, pursuant to W.Va. Code§ 18B-4-5b individuals with a current and valid license to carry a concealed deadly weapon are permitted to carry a concealed pistol or revolver on the campus and in the buildings of BridgeValley Community and Technical College, subject to the following conditions:
 - 3.2.1. The concealed weapon must be carried in a manner consistent with the provisions of W.Va. Code § 61-7-4.
 - 3.2.2. Neither BridgeValley nor its officers, agents, or employees shall be liable for actions involving an individual with a concealed pistol or revolver.
 - 3.2.3. The institution reserves the right to designate certain areas where carrying a concealed deadly weapon is prohibited, including classes with secondary school students in them and rooms or labs utilizing explosive materials (e.g., welding).
 - 3.2.4. The institution will provide storage facilities through campus police for students who wish to store their properly licensed pistol or revolver while in an area of campus where such weapons are prohibited.
 - 3.2.5. The institution may make voluntary firearms safety course(s) available to students and employees of BridgeValley.
- 3.3. Any institutional faculty member, staff member, or student who has been found in violation of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action which may include termination or expulsion, and/or criminal prosecution;
- 3.4. Individuals not affiliated with BridgeValley shall be removed from campus and will be subject to criminal prosecution.