



Policy 4.11 Dangerous Weapons on Library Property

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In accordance with RCW 9.41.050 and local ordinances the North Olympic Library System will not restrict the right of licensed/lawful adult library users from carrying concealed or unconcealed deadly weapons onto the library grounds or premises. However, NOLS does request that users not bring deadly weapons into the Library unless doing so for professional purposes, such as the carrying of deadly weapons by law enforcement personnel.

Library staff members are instructed to contact the police immediately in any situation where the behavior of a person causes a substantial disturbance or threat, with the presence of a dangerous weapon being of special significance. The unnecessary brandishing of a dangerous weapon, under any circumstances, will be considered just cause for library staff to contact the police.

Per RCW 9.41.040 2(a) (iii), NOLS prohibits library users under the age of eighteen (18) from carrying handguns, except in the circumstances prescribed by RCW 9.41.042. Staff will contact law enforcement officials in any instance where it is reasonably believed a juvenile possesses a dangerous weapon on library property.

The Library Director is responsible for administering this policy.