

**WEAPONS 708**

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The purpose of this policy is to ensure the safety and security of county employees and the general public in all county facilities. This policy is in addition to NDCC 62.1-02-09, which makes it a felony for a person, other than a law enforcement officer, to possess certain weapons in government buildings without express written consent.

Any employee carrying a weapon shall be a peace officer licensed by the State of North Dakota who has met all of the requirements for continuing education as mandated by the peace officers board.

All employees must also be “qualified” with the weapon that is carried on duty and must “qualify” with the same ammunition that is carried for duty. The Cass County qualification procedures are to be the same standards that are established by the State of North Dakota. The County Sheriff, or his/her designee, as entrusted by the Commission, is the qualifications administrator.

For this policy, weapons include, but are not limited to, any gun (loaded or unloaded), stun gun, BB gun, CO<sub>2</sub> gun, air gun, machete, sword, knife (with blades of 5 inches or more), bow & arrow, spear, any martial arts weapon, or any other device intended to cause bodily harm to another person.