

## CONNECTICUT VALLEY HOSPITAL OPERATIONAL PROCEDURE MANUAL

<b>SECTION II:</b>	ORGANIZATION FOCUSED FUNCTIONS
<b>CHAPTER 7:</b>	Management of the Environment of Care
<b>PROCEDURE 7.7:</b>	<b>Firearms and Deadly Weapons</b>
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### **POLICY:**

To provide and maintain a safe campus through the prohibition and control of firearms, deadly weapons and dangerous instruments, as promulgated through the General Work Rules of the Department of Mental Health and Addictions Services (DMHAS) and the Connecticut General Statutes 53a-174 section (2), Conveying of Unauthorized Items into a Correctional or Humane Institution.

**SCOPE:** All CVH and BHSAS Staff

### **PROCEDURE:**

The possession of firearms or dangerous weapons of any kind are strictly prohibited on the campus of the Connecticut Valley Hospital (CVH), which includes but not limited to all work sites on the campus as well as vehicles both private and State owned. Deadly weapons include, but are not limited to any firearm, whether loaded or unloaded, from which a shot may be discharged, or a switchblade knife, gravity knife, billy club, blackjack or metal knuckles, axes, hatchets, hunting knives, etc., per CGS; 53a3(6), as well as dangerous instruments as defined in the CGS, 53a-3(7).

Staff members should report any individuals with firearms or dangerous weapons immediately to the DMHAS Police Dispatch Center at x999. BHSAS staff should dial x882 to alert Agency Police at Capitol Region Mental Health Center.

This policy shall not apply to employees of the DMHAS Division of Safety Services carrying department agency weapons in the performance of their official duties.

Outside law enforcement personnel are requested to secure firearms in their vehicles on a voluntary basis.