I. SCOPE OF POLICY

This policy applies to all persons present on and within property owned or controlled by the University of La Verne, including all employees (e.g. faculty, staff, and student workers), students, affiliates, alumni, volunteers, invitees, donors, business representatives, contractors, visitors, and others. This policy does not apply to law enforcement personnel or peace officers authorized to carry a weapon in the course and scope of law enforcement duties and who are present on University property while engaged in the course and scope of performance such duties.

II. DEFINITIONS

A. Prohibited weapons/dangerous objects include but are not limited to: firearms, stun guns, martial arts weapons, Nunchakus, airsoft, pellet or bb guns, belt buckle knives, dirk, dagger, cane swords, pen knives, lipstick knifes, switchblade knives, butterfly knives, machetes, slingshots, black jacks, sand clubs, billy clubs, and/or metal knuckles. Prohibited knives include those with blades longer than 2.5 inches, or of any size that open automatically, or have a blade with more than one sharp edge.
III. POLICY STATEMENT

The University of La Verne aspires to maintain a safe and healthy environment. As such the University prohibits firearms, ammunition, certain knives or cutting devices, explosives, incendiary devices or other dangerous objects on University property (owned, operated or leased) as outlined in this policy.

IV. POLICY STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES

A. PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

The following conduct is prohibited on all University of La Verne property (owned, operated or leased).

1. Manufacturing, sale, purchase, transportation, possession, concealment, display or use of firearms, ammunition, prohibited knives or cutting devices, explosives, incendiary devices or other dangerous objects.

2. Remodeling, sale, purchase, transportation, possession, concealment, display or use usage of any item resembling a firearm, ammunition, prohibited knife or cutting devices, explosives, incendiary devices or other dangerous objects.

3. Use of any item outside of its intended use (i.e. metal pipes, razors, etc.) for the purpose of causing harm to self or others is prohibited.

B. EXCEPTIONS TO PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

The following matters are recognized as exceptions to the prohibited activities described in Section IV.A:

1. University staff or faculty authorized to possess a specified weapon/dangerous object for use in the course of his/her University employment, as authorized by the University President or designee.

2. Activities involving firearms or other weapons conducted under the direction of University of La Verne officials or as authorized by an official
law enforcement agency, as authorized by the University President or designee.

3. Otherwise prohibited weapons or objects required for use in University-sponsored activities or courses, in accordance with approved procedural guidelines, are excluded from this policy. Approval for the use of any such matters must first be obtained from Risk Management, Campus Safety, and Student Affairs and approved by the President’s office. The President, or her designee, shall maintain and keep current an inventory of such University-authorized usages.

4. Possession of pepper spray, within California legal limits, is permissible on University property.