

## **Deadly Weapons Policy**

*KDLA provides this example policy to assist a library in developing and adopting their own policy. The example policy should be modified to meet the needs of your library and community and should be reviewed by the library's attorney prior to adoption.*

\_\_\_\_\_ County Public Library strives to provide a safe, secure environment for patrons and staff.

KRS 65.870 allows the open or concealed carrying of firearms in many public facilities. The library will not restrict the protections and rights granted under this statute. While the Library requests that patrons and staff members refrain from carrying a firearm on library property, the library recognizes the right to carry such weapons in accordance with the law.

Brandishing a deadly weapon, under any circumstances, will be considered just cause for contacting the police. Library staff 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 deadly weapon being of special significance. Deadly weapons are defined in KRS 500.080.

KRS 527.100 specifically prohibits the carrying of a deadly weapon by a person under the age of eighteen. The police will be contacted in any instance where it is reasonably believed a juvenile possesses a dangerous weapon on library property.

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