

Section 925 – Firearms and Weapons  
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925.01. Firearms and weapons. Subdivision 1. Definitions. For the purposes of this section the terms defined in this subsection have the meanings given them.

Subd. 2. Firearm means any weapon, by whatever name known, which is designed to expel a projectile or projectiles by means of an explosive, a gas or compressed air.

Subd. 3. Weapon means (i) any firearm, whether loaded or unloaded; and (ii) any other device designed, used or intended to be used in a manner capable of producing death or great bodily harm.

925.03. General rules. Subdivision 1. Discharge. It is unlawful for a person to discharge or use any firearm or other weapon in the city except as provided in this subsection.

Subd. 2. Archery. It is unlawful to discharge an arrow from a bow except on private property with the consent of the owner of the property and on public property designated for such activity.

Subd. 3. Hunting. Hunting with dogs, weapons, or both is prohibited in the city.

Subd. 4. Prohibited acts; prohibited weapons. Prohibited acts include:

- (a) Recklessly handling or using a firearm, bow and arrow, dangerous weapon or explosive so as to endanger the safety of another.
- (b) Subject to the exceptions contained in subdivision 5 below, intentionally pointing a firearm of any kind, whether loaded or unloaded, at or toward another person.
- (c) Possessing, on the person or on or about the person's clothes, or in any portable container such as a purse or briefcase in the person's immediate control any device known as a sling shot, sand club, metal knuckles, switchblade, dagger, stiletto, dirk, blackjack, chain club, pipe club, Molotov cocktail, grenade, throwing star or similar star or any similar weapon.
- (d) Possessing, on the person or on or about the person's clothes, or in any portable container such as a purse or briefcase in the person's immediate control, any other dangerous article or substance for the purpose of being used unlawfully as a weapon against another.

Subd. 5. Exceptions. A weapon of any type may be discharged in the city by:

- (a) Peace officers in carrying out their official duty.
- (b) Persons engaged in target shooting at inanimate objects within an enclosed structure that is soundproofed to prevent the sound to be heard by persons on adjoining property and in a manner such that the projectiles are contained within the enclosed structure.
- (c) Persons acting in self-defense as permitted by law.
- (d) Members of the armed services of either the United States or the state of Minnesota for use in the course of their duties.