

FRIDLEY CITY CODE
CHAPTER 103. DANGEROUS WEAPONS
(Ref. 27, 176, 291, 676, 730, 1047)

103.01. DEFINITION

A "dangerous weapon" is any firearm, whether loaded or unloaded, or any device designed as a weapon and capable of producing death or great bodily harm, or any other device or instrumentality which, in the manner it is used or intended to be used, is calculated or likely to produce death or great bodily harm. The term "dangerous weapon" includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. All firearms.
2. Bows and arrows, and cross bows.
3. All instruments used to expel, at high velocity, pellets of any kind including, but not limited to, B-B guns and air rifles.
4. Sling shots.
5. Black jacks, nunchakus, clubs or like objects.
6. Metal knuckles.
7. Daggers, dirks, and knives.
8. Wrist rockets.

103.02. PROHIBITED ACTS

Whoever does any of the following is guilty of a misdemeanor:

1. Recklessly handles or uses a dangerous weapon or explosive so as to endanger the safety of another.
2. Aims any dangerous weapon, whether loaded or not, at or toward any human being.
3. Manufactures or sells for any unlawful purpose any weapon known as a sling shot, black jack, nunchakus, club, wrist rocket, bow and arrow, crossbow, or like object.
4. Manufactures, transfers or possesses metal knuckles or a switch blade knife opening automatically.
5. Possesses any other dangerous article or substance for the purpose of being used unlawfully as a weapon against another.

6. Sells or has in their possession any device designed to silence or muffle the discharge of a firearm.
7. Possesses a dangerous weapon in a motor vehicle, except a pocket knife with a blade under three (3) inches, unless contained in a secure area not immediately available to vehicle occupants.
8. As a parent or guardian, permits a child under fourteen (14) years of age to handle or use a dangerous weapon of any kind or any ammunition or explosive outside of the parent's or guardian's presence.
9. Sells, gives, loans or furnishes in any way, any deadly weapon to person under the age of eighteen (18) years without written consent of such minor's parent or guardian, or of a police officer or magistrate.

103.03. MINOR IN POSSESSION

1. No person under the age of fourteen (14) years shall handle or have in their possession or under their control any dangerous weapon, except while accompanied by or under the immediate charge of their parent or guardian and which weapon would not otherwise be prohibited.
2. Nothing in this Section prohibits minors from participating in a state approved firearms safety class or other city approved formal course of instruction.

103.04. EXCEPTIONS

Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to prohibit:

1. Possession or discharge of a dangerous weapon by a legally appointed Law Enforcement Officer or person under such Officer's direction, in the performance of the Officer's duties.
2. Possession or discharge of a dangerous weapon by persons authorized by Federal or Minnesota Statute, such as the military or persons holding valid permits
3. Possession or discharge of a dangerous weapon by persons at legally authorized ranges designed for the discharge of dangerous weapons, notwithstanding laws to the contrary.
4. Possession by museums or collectors of art or for other lawful purposes of public exhibition.
5. The discharge of dangerous weapons, other than firearms and instruments used to expel, at high velocity, pellets of any kind such as B-B guns and air rifles, with permission of the appropriate property agent, when discharged under conditions not to endanger persons, property, or animals and where the projectile will not leave said property.

103.05. DISCHARGE PERMITS

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 103.04 of this Chapter, it shall be unlawful to use, fire or discharge a dangerous weapon within the City of Fridley, except with a firearms permit issued by the Public Safety Director. Permits shall specify the conditions under which they are issued and valid. Permits may be revoked by the Public Safety Director when, in the Director's opinion, there is a public safety danger or infringement of peace and tranquility. Denied and revoked permits may be appealed to the Fridley City Council.

103.06 FEES

Permit fees shall be as provided in Chapter 11 of this Code. (Ref. 1047)

103.07. VIOLATIONS

Any person violating this Chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor. Any weapons used or carried in violation of this Chapter shall be seized and impounded by a police officer to be disposed of through prescribed legal procedures.