Firearms Prohibited

Departmental Regulation 4200-001, Workplace Violence Prevention Program, states:

"Possession, use, or threat of use of a firearm, explosive, or other dangerous weapon by the following individuals is prohibited:

a. USDA employees at work,
b. Anyone in USDA Government owned or leased workplaces,
c. Anyone in privately owned vehicles on official USDA business,
d. Anyone in USDA Government owned or leased vehicles,
e. Anyone in privately owned vehicles parked in USDA Government owned or leased areas.

Exemption to these prohibitions is permitted only when the weapon is a necessary and documented, approved job requirement."

18 U.S.C., Section 930, Possession of firearms and dangerous weapons in Federal facilities, states:

"(a) Except as provided in subsection (d), whoever knowingly possesses or causes to be present a firearm or other dangerous weapon in a Federal facility (other than a Federal court facility), or attempts to do so, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than 1 year, or both.

...(g) (2) The term 'dangerous weapon' means a weapon, device, instrument, material, or substance, animate or inanimate, that is used for, or is readily capable or, causing death or serious bodily injury, except that such term does not include a pocket knife with a blade of less than 2 ½ inches in length."

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