
Weapons Use

No “weapons,” whether real or fake, are permitted to be used in VFS productions.

There are **no exceptions** to the above rules even if:

- a) The police have been informed of the event.
- b) The city has granted a permit.
- c) A film industry weapons expert has agreed and is in attendance on set.
- d) An instructor is present on set.

VFS Definition of a Weapon

For the purpose of this policy, “weapons” are defined as all objects, whether “real” or “fake,” to be used as a prop, such as firearms, replica firearms, BB guns, crossbows, bladed knives, axes or swords, or any objects made out of any material in a shape resembling the aforementioned. This includes all weapons or objects that may be used, or have the perception of being used, in order to inflict damage or harm to living beings, structures, or systems.

The use of “weapons” in productions at VFS is a common idea with some students. The problem with using “weapons” is that it can be dangerous to all parties involved in a production, and during production it can be viewed as a legitimate threat by students, staff, and by third parties, where filming with a “weapon” is interpreted as an active crime scene or act of terror in progress.