

205 CMR: MASSACHUSETTS GAMING COMMISSION  
205 CMR 138: UNIFORM STANDARDS OF ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES AND  
INTERNAL CONTROLS

138.20: Possession of Firearms

(1) The system of internal controls submitted by a gaming licensee in accordance with 205 CMR 138.02 shall include a policy prohibiting any person from possessing a firearm within or upon the premises of a gaming establishment. If the gaming licensee learns that an individual possesses a firearm within or upon the premises of a gaming establishment, the gaming licensee must immediately notify an official within the on-site office of the IEB and the individual violating the policy shall be removed from the premises of the gaming establishment by officers assigned to the Gaming Enforcement Unit. Thereafter, the gaming licensee shall promptly, and in any event no later than 48 hours of such removal, or violation of the policy, notify the Chief of the Gaming Enforcement Division of the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office.

(2) Notwithstanding 205 CMR 138.20(1), the following individuals may, in the course of their official duties, possess a firearm within or upon the premises of a gaming establishment:

- (a) A member of the Massachusetts State Police assigned to the Gaming Enforcement Unit;
- (b) A law enforcement officer of the host community police department assigned to work at the gaming establishment pursuant to the memorandum of agreement required to be executed in accordance with M.G.L. c. 23K, § 6(f);
- (c) An official who is specifically authorized to do so by the commission or the IEB; and
- (d) A federal law enforcement officer.

(3) Any law enforcement officer in possession of a firearm, other than a member of the Massachusetts State Police assigned to the Gaming Enforcement Unit, shall provide notification to an official within the on-site office of the State Police Gaming Enforcement Unit at the gaming establishment prior to arrival or upon arrival at the gaming establishment. This notification shall be documented with the onsite office of the State Police Gaming Enforcement Unit.

(4) The gaming licensee shall post in a conspicuous location at each entrance to the gaming establishment a legible sign that states:

*“No firearms are allowed within or upon the premises of this gaming establishment. This prohibition extends to all areas of this facility: public, non-public, restricted and non-restricted areas. Persons violating this restriction will be removed from the premises and subject to further investigation and if appropriate, prosecution. If you have any questions about this prohibition, please request to see an official from the Massachusetts Gaming Commission Office before proceeding.*

*Certain law enforcement officers may be exempt from this prohibition; however they must notify the Massachusetts State Police of their presence by either visiting the Massachusetts State Police Gaming Enforcement Unit Office on site or by calling the State Police Gaming Enforcement Unit at 617-533-9765 [number to be provided by the IEB].”*