



**Policy Chapter:** Chapter 12 Campus Safety and Security

**Policy Number and Title:** 12.003 Protection of Building and Grounds

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**I. Policy Statement**

University of North Texas Board of Regents is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations for the safety and welfare of students, employees, and property, and other rules and regulations it may deem necessary to carry out the provisions of Chapter 51, Subchapter E, Texas Education Code and the governance of the University.

**II. Application of Policy**

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**III. Policy Responsibilities**

**A. Applicability of Criminal Laws**

All of the general and criminal laws of the State of Texas are in full force and effect within the areas under the control and jurisdiction of the University.

**B. Applicability of Rules and Regulations of the Board of Regents**

1. Purpose

- a. University of North Texas Board of Regents is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations for the safety and welfare of students, employees, and property, and other rules and regulations it may deem necessary to carry out the provisions of Chapter 51, Subchapter E, Texas Education Code and the governance of the University.
- b. The Board of Regents may promulgate and enforce any appropriate rules and regulations for the orderly conduct of the University in carrying out its purposes and objectives, and has the right to separate jurisdiction relating to the conduct of its students and personnel.

2. Penalty

A person who violates any provision of Chapter 51, Subchapter E, Texas Education Code, or any rule or regulation promulgated under the authority of this subchapter is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is punishable by a fine of not more than \$200.

3. Courts Having Jurisdiction

The judge of a municipal court or any justice of the peace of any city or county where property under the control and jurisdiction of a state institution of higher education is located, is each separately vested with all jurisdiction necessary to hear and determine

criminal cases involving violations of provisions of Chapter 51, Subchapter E, Texas Education Code, or rules or regulations promulgated under this chapter of the code for which the punishment does not exceed a fine of \$200.

**C. Enforcement of Rules and Regulations**

1. The university's campus police officers are empowered to enforce the general and criminal laws of the State, as well as, the rules and regulations of the Board of Regents relating to the safety and welfare of students, employees, and property pursuant to UNT Policy 12.001 University Police.
2. Nothing in Chapter 51, Subchapter E, Texas Education Code, is intended to limit or restrict the authority of the Board of Regents to promulgate and enforce appropriate rules and regulations for the orderly conduct of the institution in carrying out its purposes and objectives or the right of separate jurisdiction relating to the conduct of its student and personnel.

**IV. References and Cross-References**

[Texas Education Code, Chapter 51, Subchapter E](#)  
[UNT Policy 12.001, University Police Enforcement](#)

**V. Revision History**

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