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## Health System MCV Hospitals and Physicians

**To:** Directors, Site Administrators, Managers, Unit Educators

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**Subject:** Policy on Unlawful Weapons (& Substances) at VCUHS for Distribution

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This memo is to notify you of the posting of the revised policy on the disposition of unlawful weapons and substances found at VCUHS. This memo and the policy are attached below. If you are unable to open the pdf file the policy is available on the VCUHS Policy intranet site.

### **Policy #5301.03 Disposition of Unlawfully Possessed Weapons, Controlled Substances, or Other Items Found on Patients, Visitors, or Staff While at the VCU Health System**

This policy has undergone moderate changes, including revisions to the definitions of the term Weapon and Controlled Substances and formatting changes to clarify the roles of VCUHS Safety and Security and the VCU Police Department.

A policy statement has been added that refers staff to the **VCUHS Policy 2137 Probable Cause Alcohol and Drug Testing** as appropriate to situations involving staff.

If you have questions about this policy please contact the VCUHS Safety and Security Department at 828-4300.