

Gun-Free Schools Act

Definition of “Firearm” per 18 USC 921

Handguns, rifles or shotguns are specifically reported as these types of firearms on an annual basis to the Colorado Department of Education.

“Other” firearms, in contrast to handgun, rifles, or shotguns, must also be reported. “Other firearms” must fit the definitions below in order to be accurately reported per the Gun-Free Schools Acts as firearms.

Note: This definition does not apply to items such as toy guns, cap guns, bb guns, pellet guns, and Class C common fireworks.

According to Section 921, the following are included within the definition

- any weapon (including a starter gun) which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of any explosive;
- the frame or receiver of any weapon described above;
- any firearm muffler or firearm silencer;
- any destructive device, which includes:

(a) any explosive, incendiary, or poison gas

- (1). Bomb;
- (2). Grenade,
- (3). Rocket having a propellant charge of more than four ounces,
- (4). Missile having an explosive or incendiary charge of more than one-quarter ounce,
- (5). Mine, or
- (6). Similar device

(b) any weapon which will, or which may be readily converted to, expel a projectile by the action of an explosive or other propellant, and which has any barrel with a bore of more than one-half inch in diameter

(c) any combination or parts either designed or intended for use in converting any device into any destructive device described in the two immediately preceding examples, and from which a destructive device may be readily assembled.