



Natural Resources Conservation Service
210 Walnut Street, Room 693
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IOWA INSTRUCTION 360-390 – FIREARMS OR WEAPONS IN USDA OFFICES

IA390.0 PURPOSE

This Iowa Instruction directs placement of a sign announcing that no weapons are allowed in USDA offices.

IA390.1 SCOPE

These instructions will be followed by all NRCS offices.

IA390.2 FILING INSTRUCTIONS

This Iowa Instruction and two posters will be posted on the Iowa NRCS Employee Website, which can be accessed at <http://www.ia.nrcs.usda.gov/intranet/> under the Iowa NRCS eDirectives System section.

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1. PURPOSE:

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2. BACKGROUND:

Iowa's new law on permits for carrying concealed weapons – SF-2379 of the 2010 Legislative session – went into effect on January 1, 2011. Despite the fact that Iowa has a new law in place that allows greater flexibility for citizens to carry concealed and non-concealed weapons, there is still a federal law which prohibits a person from carrying weapons in federal offices, including our service centers, engineering offices, area offices, etc.

3. EXPLANATION:

There is currently a poster in place that provides information about this prohibition. However, with the new Iowa law going into effect on January 1, 2011, we need to make this Federal regulation more visible. Therefore, we are providing two posters, one that says, "No Firearms or Weapons Allowed in USDA Service Center" and another that says, "No Firearms or Weapons Allowed in USDA Office." Upon receipt of this instruction, please ensure that the appropriate sign is posted at the front door of your office/service center, in a highly visible location.

If you have any questions, contact Christopher E. Knudsen, Human Resources Officer, at (515) 284-4587.

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