

Safety Consequences

Another critical issue regarding the majority of these air-soft guns is their similarity to real firearms. It can be very difficult to distinguish the replica gun from a real gun, and this has resulted in numerous calls to police from concerned citizens. These calls could have resulted in officers mistaking an air-soft gun for a real firearm.



This BB gun is a replica of a popular .45 caliber semi-automatic handgun. Its weight, size, and detail is almost exact to its real counterpart

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KNOW THE FACTS ABOUT REPLICA GUNS



Can you tell the difference?



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In Partnership with the Community



The Irvine Police Department and Irvine Unified School District (IUSD) are working in partnership to prevent tragedies that could impact the entire community. School personnel, citizens, and police officers have faced incidents involving the use of air-soft type guns (rifles and handguns). The purpose of this pamphlet is to:

- Inform parents of criminal, civil, and education laws regarding the use and possession of air-soft type guns
- To prevent needless injuries or deaths that may result from the use of these replica-style guns.

These guns are typically scale replicas of a handgun or rifle that fire a plastic projectile (BB) by means of a mechanically compressed spring or air. The increase in popularity has raised both legal and safety concerns related to the possession and use of these guns. Many parents and young people may be unaware of these safety issues and the existing City of Irvine ordinance prohibiting the discharge of air-soft guns or any firearm within City limits.

Legal Consequences:

Sec. 3-4-135. Firearms, weapons, fireworks and replica firearms.

No person shall have any firework, firearm, replica firearm, air gun, paint-ball gun, BB gun, slingshot or bow, or hunting arrow or any other weapon in his or her possession or in his or her vehicle other than in a closed trunk, storage compartment or other area separated from the passenger section of the vehicle, in any open space area, nor shall any person discharge any firearm, fireworks or other incendiary device or weapon or display any replica firearm upon or into any natural open space preserve: provided, however, that the Director of Community Services may designate in which such activity is permitted.

Educational Consequences:

IUSD considers air-soft type guns to be "dangerous objects of no reasonable use to the pupil at school," and IUSD students face serious consequences for the possession and/or use of air-soft type guns.

Students may be suspended and/or expelled for acts delineated in the California Education Code, the state law governing public schools in California. These consequences are for behaviors that occur at any time related to school activities or school attendance, including but not limited to, while on school grounds during school hours, during lunch whether on or off campus, while going to or from school, and during, going to or coming from a school-sponsored activity.

The possession and/or use of air-soft type pellet guns under any of the conditions stated above violates at least two sections of California Education Code 48900 and, depending on the circumstances of the incident, may include several more. Students who are found to be in violation of these sections will be subject to discipline, which may include suspension from school or recommendation for expulsion.

