

Personal Safety Devices Policy

E-07

LONG TITLE	A Policy Respecting the Use and Endorsement of Personal Safety Devices	DATE OF ENACTMENT	29 September 1997
		LAST AMENDED	30 May 2022
REFERENCE No.	E-07	NEXT REVIEW	30 May 2026
CATEGORY	Political Positions	COMPETENT CHAMBER	Council

PREAMBLE

The Carleton University Students' Association, recognizing the vulnerability of women and non-binary people, will only support, endorse, promote, supply, and encourage the use of personal safety devices on campus with certain restrictions. This Policy shall be reviewed every four years by Council.

INTERPRETATION

1 This Policy may be called the *Personal Safety Devices Policy*.

2 In this Policy, the following definitions shall apply:

“Personal safety device” or “PSD” means a non-weapon device used for self-defence.

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3 (1) CUSA declares that it is unfair and opportunistic to promote a product by capitalizing on women and non-binary people's disadvantaged position in personal safety and security, especially when depicted in stereotypical and/or misinforming promotional material.

(2) CUSA shall only support such companies if, following a thorough background check from this Association, they are confirmed as owned and operated mostly by women or other individuals representative of PSD users.

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4 CUSA shall only distribute personal support devices free of charge, so as to not encourage or promote their sale.

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5 CUSA supports safety initiatives such as the Foot Patrol as the best program for safety on and around campus.

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6 Notwithstanding section 3, CUSA agrees that every option for the safety of the vulnerable ought to be promoted by this Association.

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SCHEDULE OF AMENDMENTS

DATE AMENDED	MOVED	SECONDED	SUMMARY
14 June 1995			
30 May 2022	(D. Caratao)		End the ban on personal safety devices in CUSA spaces, introduce regulated conditions for their distribution - namely sourced from women/NB-owned businesses and given for free.