

Gun-Free Schools Act (Definition of “Firearm”)

Section 921 of Title 18, U.S.C. defines “firearm” as:

- a. 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 an explosive;
- b. the frame or receiver of any weapon described above;
- c. any firearm muffler or firearm silencer; or
- d. any destructive device.

Section 921 of Title 18, U.S.C. defines “destructive device” as:

- 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. device similar to the devices described in paragraphs 1-5 of this sub-paragraph a.
- b. any type of 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; and
- c. any combination or parts either designed or intended for use in converting any device into any destructive device described in sub-paragraphs a and b and from which a destructive device may be readily assembled.

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