

GUIDE TO SANCTIONING FOR DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

Alcohol Poisoning and Drug Overdoses:

Promoting Responsible Action in Medical Emergencies.

If you are worried about a friend who has been drinking or using drugs, seek assistance! Don't doubt whether you should call for help in a medical emergency because of uncertainty about your friend's situation or concern about getting yourself in trouble for underage drinking or illegal drug use. The University has a policy which defers any Conduct or Residence Hall charges if a student under the influence of alcohol or drugs either calls for medical assistance for a friend or for one's self. The policy applies to the person who receives help, and the person/people who seek help for their friend.

What am I allowed to do on and off campus?

Over 21
You are allowed to possess and consume alcohol in your residence hall space, or on campus in an authorized location (i.e. tailgate, stadium at a game).
You are allowed to possess and consume alcohol in private homes, apartments, or bars and restaurants that serve alcohol.

Remember the Gold Code! Pregame with Protein, Pace, Don't Race. Leave No Terp Behind, Sober is Safest

What is prohibited under the Code of Student Conduct and the Residence Hall Rules?

Over 21	Under 21
Selling or providing alcohol to those under 21.	Use or possession of alcohol. Even if its closed, even if you're just holding it for a friend. Also, provision of alcohol to those under 21 is not allowed.
Open containers and consuming alcohol in public. This includes residence hall hallways and the streets of College Park.	Open containers and consuming alcohol in public. This includes residence hall hallways and the streets of College Park.
Kegs and common sources of alcohol in residence halls.	Kegs and common sources of alcohol in residence halls.
Use or possession of illegal drugs or controlled substances is prohibited; this includes marijuana and medical marijuana.	Use or possession of illegal drugs or controlled substances is prohibited; this includes marijuana and medical marijuana.
Use or possession of prescription drugs that are not yours.	Use or possession of prescription drugs that are not yours.
In the residence halls drug paraphernalia is prohibited.	In the residence halls drug paraphernalia is prohibited.
You are not allowed to produce, manufacture or distribute any illegal drugs or controlled substances.	You are not allowed to produce, manufacture or distribute any illegal drugs or controlled substances.
Operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated or impaired by alcohol or drugs is prohibited.	Operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated or impaired by alcohol or drugs is prohibited.
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What happens if I violate one of the rules?

There are no standard sanctions for violations, the sanctions listed below are meant to be a guide and to help students understand what might be the range of sanctions for a violation.

Type of Offense	Sanction Range
Illegal Drug Distribution	Dismissal from the University (Expulsion or Suspension), Permanent Housing Termination
Illegal Drug Production or Manufacture	Dismissal from the University (Expulsion or Suspension), Permanent Housing Termination.
Illegal Drug Use or Possession	Suspension, Housing Termination 1 year- permanent, Educational Sanctions through the Health Center upon return or as a condition of withholding Suspension
Illegal Drug Use or Possession- 1st time marijuana, student is cooperative, takes responsibility and it is a small amount (under 10grams)	Disciplinary Probation, Educational Sanctions through the Health Center, Housing Probation
Possession of drug paraphernalia in the Residence Halls	Written Warning or Housing Probation, Educational Sanction, Removal of Paraphernalia
DUI- Drugs	Suspension, Educational Sanctions through the Health Center upon return or as a condition of withholding Suspension
DUI- Alcohol	Disciplinary Probation, Educational Sanctions through the Health Center
Underage use, possession of alcohol in the Residence Halls	Housing Probation, Educational Sanctions through the Health Center
Underage use, possession of alcohol on or off campus outside of Residence Halls	Disciplinary Reprimand, Educational Sanctions through the Health Center
False ID- Manufacturing or Selling (this includes other people's IDs)	Dismissal from the University (Expulsion or Suspension), Housing Termination
False ID- Use or Possession (this includes other people's IDs)	Dismissal from the University (Expulsion or Suspension), Housing Termination

Serious or repeated violations of any of these rule may result in Housing Termination, Suspension or Expulsion from the University.

The aims of sanctioning are to protect the campus community, deter future offenses, promote individual accountability, and enhance ethical development. Things like a student's previous judicial history, their actions during the incident, and their remorse and cooperation during the conduct process are all also considered, along with the harm and danger that their behavior might have or could have potentially brought to our community.

Will my parents or guardians be called?

In the event that you are transported to the hospital for alcohol or drug use then your parents, guardians or emergency contacts will likely be called the night of the incident by the police or Resident Life staff, or in the following days by University staff.

If you are referred for a conduct case and your case involves Drugs or Alcohol then the Hearing Officer handling your case will likely be contacting your parent or guardian.