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POLICY

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Title: Alcohol, Cannabis, Tobacco, and Other Drug Use – Students

Policy Statement

The University of Vermont is committed to sustaining an academic environment that both respects individual freedom and promotes the health, safety, and well-being of all members of our community. Possession or use of Alcohol, Cannabis, Tobacco and other illicit drugs outside the expectations set forth in this policy is in conflict with the educational mission of the University.

Reason for the Policy

The University has adopted this policy in support of its educational mission and in compliance with the Drug Free Schools and Community Act.

- d. Being intoxicated, regardless of age, to the degree that the student's condition warrants emergency assistance, or protective custody, as determined by a police officer, first responder, or other medical personnel.
- e. The presence or possession of empty alcohol containers. Such presence or possession leads to a reasonable presumption that the student(s) found in possession of such containers consumed the container's original contents.

Alcohol 2.*

- a. Operating a motor vehicle after consuming alcohol and resulting in conditions where state law mandates being taken into custody or the student's condition warrants intervention, as determined by a police officer, to prohibit further operation of the vehicle.

Illicit Drugs and Illicit Use of Controlled Substances 1.

- a. Possessing or using Illicit Drugs including Cannabis, as defined by federal, state, or local statutes, and this Policy.
- b. Illicit Use of a Controlled Substance, including possession or use of Medical Marijuana on University Property or at University Activities.
- c. Possessing or using Drug Paraphernalia irrespective of whether or not it is or has been used in connection with illicit drugs or illicit use of controlled substances.
- d. Being under the influence of Illicit Drugs or Controlled Substances due to Illicit Use as supported by evidence of actions and/or results of field sobriety tests administered by a police officer.
- e. Being under the influence of Illicit Drugs or Controlled Substances due to Illicit Use to the degree that warrants medical attention and/or an individual being taken into protective custody, as determined by a police officer, first responder, or other medical personnel.
- f. Purchasing for, furnishing to, or enabling an underage person to purchase, access, or consume Cannabis; or Purchasing for, furnishing to, or enabling another person to purchase, access, or consume Illicit Drugs.

Illicit Drugs and Illicit Use of Controlled Substances, Other than Tobacco 2. *

- a. Growing and/or manufacturing any Illicit Drug, including Cannabis, as defined by federal, state, or local statutes, and this Policy.
- b. Operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of Illicit Drugs or due to Illicit Use of Controlled Substances.
- c. Distributing, selling, or possessing Illicit Drugs, including Cannabis, with the intent to distribute or sell, as defined by federal, state, or local statutes.

Tobacco (including Tobacco Products, Tobacco Substitutes, and Tobacco Paraphernalia 1.

- a. Using Tobacco, which expressly includes Tobacco Products, Tobacco Substitutes, and Tobacco Paraphernalia, on University Property or at a University Activity, regardless of age.
- b. Purchasing or furnishing Tobacco, as defined herein, for or to a person under the age of 21, or enabling a person under the age of 21 to purchase, access, or consume Tobacco.
- c. Possessing Tobacco, as defined herein, if under the age of 21.

*Students found responsible for violations of a more egregious nature may be issued more serious outcomes, including but not limited to separation from the University. (See "Egregious Violations" in [Potential Outcomes to a Conduct Meeting.](#))

4. The sponsoring organization is responsible for any publicity, advertising, marketing, or promotion that is disseminated in conjunction with the event and must ensure adherence to the following guidelines:
 - a. Alcohol must not be the primary focus in any publicity.
 - b. Advertisements should be consistent with University policy discouraging the demeaning sexual or discriminatory portrayals of individuals or groups.
 - c. Promotion must not encourage misuse nor place emphasis on quantity or frequency of Alcohol use (e.g. drink specials, etc).
 - d. Advertising must subscribe to the philosophy of low risk and legal use of Alcohol. Drinking of Alcohol must not be portrayed as contributing to the personal, academic, or social success of students or individuals.
 - e. Alcohol must not be associated with the performance of tasks that require skilled reaction, such as the operation of a motor vehicle or machinery.
 - f. Illicit Drugs, including Cannabis, have no place in any publicity or promotion.

Health Risks Associated with Alcohol use and Illicit Drug Use

The excessive use of Alcohol, Illicit Use of Controlled Substances, and use of Illicit Drugs, including Cannabis, pose significant health risks to individuals including addiction, permanent injury and death. Additional risks include the following: impairment of reflexes making the operation of vehicles or machinery dangerous; short and long-term effects from mixing alcohol with over-the-counter or prescription medications, which may include permanent damage to organs or death; negative impacts on social and emotional well-being and on education and employment; birth defects if you are pregnant; long-term health problems including liver disease, heart disease, increased risk of cancer and pancreatitis. Additional information on the health risks associated with the excessive use of alcohol, use of Illicit Drugs, and Illicit Use of Controlled Substances, may be obtained at Living Well in the Davis Center and at other student health services locations.

Health Risks Associated with Tobacco Use

Cigarette smoking causes more than 480,000 deaths in the United States each year, including an estimated 42,000 deaths from exposure to secondhand smoke. Smokeless tobacco can lead to nicotine addiction and cause cancer of the mouth, esophagus and pancreas. (Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention).

There has been an explosion in the use of E-cigarettes (electronic cigarettes)/vaping in our youth. E-cigarettes are not safe for youth, young adults, pregnant women, or adults who do not currently use tobacco products. E-cigarettes produce aerosolized nicotine and can also be used to deliver Cannabis and other drugs. Nicotine is highly addictive, toxic to developing fetuses and can harm brain development in adolescents and young adults. It can additionally impact learning, memory, and attention as well as increase risk for future addiction to other drugs. E-cigarette aerosol can contain harmful and potentially harmful substances. E-cigarettes can cause unintentional injuries due to fire, explosions and accidental ingestion of the liquid. (Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention).

Enforcement

The enforcement of community standards is a shared responsibility of all community members:

first violation, require any student found responsible for violation of this policy to participate in education, consultative and/or educational programs related to nicotine, drug or alcohol use.

Contacts

Questions concerning the daily operational interpretation of this policy should be directed to the following (in accordance with the policy elaboration and procedures):	
Title(s)/Department(s):	Contact Information:
Vice Provost for Student Affairs	41 South Prospect Street Burlington, Vermont 05405 (802) 656-3380 http://www.uvm.edu/studentaffairs
University Police Services	284 East Avenue Burlington, Vermont 05405 (802) 656-3473 https://www.uvm.edu/police/

Forms/Flowcharts/Diagrams

- x [Approval for On and Off-Campus Student Organizations Programs with Alcohol Service](#)
- x [Procedures for Event Planning with Alcohol](#)

Related Documents/Policies

- x [Alcohol, Cannabis, Tobacco, and Other Drug Use Policy – Faculty and Staff](#)
- x [Cannabis: What Students Need to Know](#)
- x [Code of Student Conduct](#)
- x [Group and Organization Recognition Policy](#)
- x [Hazing Policy](#)
- x [Student Organization Misconduct Investigation and Resolution Procedure](#)

Regulatory References/Citations

- x [Agricultural Marketing Act](#), 60 Stat. 1087 (7 U.S.C. 1621 et seq.)
- x [Controlled Substances Act](#), 84 Stat. 1236 (21 U.S.C. 801 et seq.)
 - o Drug Enforcement Administration, [Schedule of Controlled Substances](#)
- x [Drug Free Schools and Communities Act](#), 34 C.F.R. 86 (20 U.S.C. 1011i)
- x [Vermont Possession and Control of Regulated Drugs](#), 18 V.S.A. Chapter 84, Subchapter 1
- x [Vermont Therapeutic Use of Cannabis Law](#), 18 V.S.A. Chapter 86, Subchapter 2
- x [Vermont Tobacco Products Law](#)

