

ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS POLICY

Introduction

The University of Rochester Alcohol and Other Drug Policy has been adopted to help students comply with federal, state and local laws regulating the possession, consumption and service of alcoholic beverages and possession/use of illegal drugs. (See the chart at the end of this policy for a list of federal, state, and local laws regarding alcohol and other drugs). All students, student groups and organizations, and guests are required to abide by the local, state and federal laws and ordinances, as well as University regulations and conduct standards (including this policy) governing consumption of alcohol and control of illicit drugs. Those who choose to engage in the use of alcohol or other drugs in violation of the law or University policy will be held accountable for their actions and subject to the full range of institutional responses and other disciplinary measures, up to and including expulsion. Discipline for violations of this policy will be imposed pursuant to the disciplinary process explained in the *Standards of Student Conduct: A Guide to the University of Rochester Disciplinary Process and Policies* which can be found online at <http://www.rochester.edu/college/dos/conduct/>.

Campus chapters of international and national organizations may have regulations that go beyond the University's policy. The policies and procedures contained herein are the minimum requirements applicable to these organizations.

ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG PROHIBITIONS

The following activities are prohibited among all members (and guests) of the University community:

Alcohol

Underage Purchase, Consumption, or Possession:

- The purchase, consumption, or possession with the intent to consume by any individual under the age of 21.

Procurement/Service of Alcohol:

- The purchase of alcohol for a person who is under the age of 21 and/or apparently intoxicated.
- Serving or giving alcohol to a person who is under the age of 21 and/or apparently intoxicated.
- The serving of alcohol to individuals who are known to become intoxicated habitually.

Possession/Use of False Identification:

- The possession or use of false, fraudulent, or altered identification or the use of another's identification for the purpose of obtaining alcohol.

Open Containers (i.e., any receptacle containing alcohol, which is open in such a way as to permit direct consumption of the contents):

- Possession of an open container of alcohol anywhere on-campus, except (1) in a residence hall private living space, which includes common areas within suites, (2) in a fraternity or special interest house, and (3) in an area designated, through the event/function registration process, as a place where alcohol consumption is permitted.

Common Containers (i.e., a receptacle for dispensing multiple servings of an alcoholic beverage.):

- Possession or use of kegs, beer balls, or other common containers, except for registered events in which specific criteria have been met or for registered events managed by a licensed caterer/third party vendor.
- Specifically, "common containers" are in violation of the code of conduct when any individual container exceeds the maximum amounts below:
 - 40 ounce container of beer
 - 5 liter container of wine
 - One (1) liter container of distilled spirits.

Rapid Consumption:

- Items/substances used to dispense alcohol in a rapid manner, such as beer bongs, funnels, Jell-O shots, etc. Drinking games or contests (e.g., "Quarters," "Beirut/Beer Pong," etc.). **Please note that the presence of alcohol where the game is played is sufficient to classify the incident as a drinking game violation.**

Where interpretation is necessary, student(s) will be charged with the violation, and a hearing board will interpret this policy. Paraphernalia associated with drinking games, (e.g., funnels, beer pong tables, etc.), will be confiscated.

Public Intoxication:

- Public intoxication, which is defined as alcohol-related conduct that is disorderly, inconvenient, or annoying to others or a potential risk to one's own or another's health and well-being.

Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) or Ability Impaired (DWAI):

- Driving while intoxicated or under the influence of alcohol as defined by New York State law.

Sale/Advertising of Alcohol:

- The sale of alcohol to any person at all times, except by a licensed caterer/third party vendor at a registered event.
- Invitations, posters, and other forms of advertising for specific events (including publicity via email distribution lists) may include references to alcohol, but may not be the focus of such publicity. Specifically, such publicity must include the phrase, "alcohol is only available to individuals 21 years of age and older." Shots may not be mentioned, nor may any reference to or implication of excessive consumption of alcohol or alcohol "specials" (e.g., "two-for-one night," "dollar drafts").

Other Events/Functions:

- Possession or consumption of alcohol at all membership recruitment functions and new member/intake functions, such as those for Greek organizations, clubs, athletic teams, etc.
- Possession or consumption of alcohol in athletic facilities or at athletic events.

Freshman Areas:

- Possession and use of alcohol by all persons in all freshman rooms and building common areas. Residential Life staff, Residents Advisors, Freshman Fellows, and D'Lions of legal age are permitted to possess and use alcohol in private living spaces.

Drugs

Trafficking/Distributing:

- Trafficking, manufacturing, distributing, or possessing with the intent to distribute any illegal drug, narcotic, or controlled substance.

Use/Possession:

- The unlawful use or possession of any drug, narcotic, or controlled substance.

Paraphernalia:

- The possession of drug paraphernalia, such as bongs, pipes, or any other item or device used in conjunction with illegal drug activity.

COMMON RESPONSES

Besides potential criminal penalties and civil liabilities, violators of this policy will be subject to the full range of institutional responses. The organizers of events/functions involving alcohol (including the sponsoring group, the social hosts, and other individual group members) will be held accountable if their event/function is not in compliance with this policy. Individuals or groups who violate the UR Alcohol and Other Drug Policy will be subject to the following University-specific consequences, based on the severity and/or frequency of violation.

Typical individual responses range from a written warning, disciplinary probation, completion of an alcohol and/or drug education program^{2,1}, educational assignment, risk assessment conducted by a qualified substance abuse

¹ Any costs associated with such programs are the responsibility of the student.

professional, suspension from University housing or the University, and/or expulsion from the University.

Typical group responses range from immediate termination of the event/function, submission of guest lists for all future formally registered events/functions, restriction of guests to only those of age or only those belonging to the specific organization, continuous on-site monitoring (at the organization's expense) of all events, mandatory alcohol education training community restitution hours, mandated third-party catering of future events involving alcohol, loss of University funding and/or recognition, and/or suspension of event/function hosting privileges.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

The River Campus Medical Emergency Response Team (R/C MERT) is a basic life support first response team that operates under New York State Emergency Medical Services (EMS) regulations. R/C MERT provides 24/7 emergency medical response during the academic school year to the River Campus, including care for students who need medical assistance due to the misuse of alcohol or other drugs.

If a request is made for emergency medical assistance, R/C MERT EMTs will evaluate the individual for whom the request was made based on Monroe-Livingston Regional EMS protocol and New York State Department of Health protocol for EMS. For further information regarding the protocols utilized by R/C MERT when administering medical aid please reference the Monroe Livingston Regional EMS protocols document located online at http://www.mlrems.org/e107_files/downloads/2010_protocol.pdf.

Requests for emergency medical services can be made by dialing x13 on the River Campus, the Medical Center, and Eastman School of Music. Because R/C MERT does not respond off-campus, for off-campus or Riverview residences emergencies, 911 must be dialed for an emergency response by the local EMS organization.

MEDICAL AMNESTY

If you are concerned about your or another student's health and safety due to the use of alcohol or other drugs and call University Security for assistance neither you, nor the person you are calling about will get in trouble for violating the alcohol and other drugs policy. Students will be expected to meet with a staff member to discuss the incident and may be requested to participate in educational opportunities related to the incident to help the student make safer choices regarding the use of substances in the future.

INCLUDING PARENTS IN CONVERSATIONS ABOUT ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS

The University supports the idea that students, parent(s) or legal guardian(s), and the University are partners with responsibilities for the promotion of a healthy and positive educational experience for students. University conduct policies and procedures are designed to promote an environment conducive to student learning and growth while protecting the University community. It is the belief of the University that students benefit from discussions with their parent(s) or legal guardian(s) about the effects of alcohol or use of controlled substances on their educational experience.

The University may notify parents/guardians of students, under the age of 21, who have been found in violation of the Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy. Notification of parents/guardians will occur when, in the opinion of the Dean of Students or his/ her designee, a violation is significant enough to indicate a greater level of care may be necessary to support the student.

It is our general practice to encourage a student to contact his or her parent(s) or legal guardian(s) prior to the University's notification, however, there may be circumstances when contact will be initiated more rapidly.

FEDERAL, STATE & LOCAL LAWS REGARDING ALCOHOL & OTHER DRUGS

The following federal, state, and local laws regarding alcohol and other drug use apply to all members of the University community and their guests:

LAW	DESCRIPTION	PENALTIES FOR 1 ST OFFENSES
Minimum Drinking Age Law	It is illegal for individuals under the age of 21 to purchase or possess alcoholic beverages with the intent to consume such beverages.	Fine not exceeding fifty dollars, completion of an alcohol awareness program, and up to thirty hours of community service.
Procurement of Alcohol & Serving of Alcohol for Underage Persons	Procuring alcohol for a person under 21 through misrepresenting his/her age is prohibited. The serving of alcohol to individuals actually or apparently under the age of 21, to intoxicated individuals, or to individuals who are known to habitually become intoxicated is prohibited.	A fine of not more than two hundred dollars and/or up to five days imprisonment. Penalties include suspension of liquor sales license and/or a \$1000 fine.
False Identification Laws	The purchase or attempt to purchase alcohol with the use of false or fraudulent documentation (such as a false identification card or a driver's license belonging to another) by persons under 21 years of age is prohibited.	Fines of not more than \$100, community service, and completion of an alcohol awareness program.
Open Container/Public Consumption Law	The possession/consumption of an open container of alcohol—i.e., any carton, cup, glass or receptacle which is uncapped, uncorked, unscrewed, unsealed or otherwise open in such a way as to permit direct consumption of the contents—in a public space is prohibited.	\$250 fine for first-time violations.
Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)	A BAC (blood alcohol concentration) of .08 or higher, or other evidence of intoxication.	Fines of up to \$1000, driving license revoked for at least six months, and up to one year jail time.
Driving While Ability Impaired (DWAI)	A BAC of more than .05 but less than .08 BAC, or other evidence of impairment.	Fine of \$500, revocation of license for 90 days, and up to 15 days of jail time.
Zero Tolerance Law	Drivers under the age of 21 who are found to be driving with any alcohol in their system (.02 to .07 BAC) may be charged.	Fine of \$225 and a six-month license suspension.
Illegal Use, Possession, & Distribution of Drugs Law	Federal and New York State laws provide legal sanctions and penalties for the unlawful possession or distribution of controlled substances. The severity of the penalty depends on the nature of the criminal act and the identity and amount of the illicit drug involved.	Possession of as little as 25g of marijuana can result in a maximum of three months in jail or a \$500 fine. Possession of as little as 1 mg of LSD can result in up to 5 and ½ years in prison.
General Obligations Law	A person who serves alcohol to or assists in procuring it for a person under 21, or who sells it to or assists in procuring it for an intoxicated person of any age, may face civil liability to someone injured by that person's intoxication. Likewise, anyone who sells a controlled substance to another or assists in procuring it for them may be liable for injuries to others caused by that person's resulting impairment.	

EVENT/FUNCTION REGISTRATION

All on or off-campus events/functions that involve alcohol and meet one of the three criteria below must be registered through the organization's advisor with the approval of Security. *Events without alcohol also must be registered. You must meet with your staff adviser, (staff in Wilson Commons Student Activities, Fraternity & Sorority Affairs, the Chapel, or Residential Life) to begin the event registration process. Please see <http://www.rochester.edu/college/dos/services/eventreg.html> for information regarding how to register your event.

Criteria triggering event registration:

- More than 75 people are expected to be present at any one time, OR
- Use of a common container of alcohol or distilled spirits by a licensed third party vendor is being

requested. (Use of common containers or distilled spirits, other than that by a licensed third party vendor, is prohibited at all events/functions.), OR

- The event is organized by University of Rochester students and is advertised or promoted to University of Rochester students in any manner, including advertisement and/or promotion through online social networks.

RESOURCES FOR EDUCATION, COUNSELING & TREATMENT

Alcohol poisoning is a life-threatening situation and prompt medical care should be the first priority for anyone found to be severely intoxicated. All members of the University community are urged to provide the necessary assistance in such emergencies. The University of Rochester offers a variety of alcohol and other drug-related resources and support services for students, faculty and staff, including:

Office of the Dean of Students

Policy administration, adjudication & resolution of violations, resources for alcohol and other drug related concerns, event registration

River Campus: 585-275-4085

Eastman School of Music: 585-274-1200

University Health Service

Primary care visits with physicians, nurse practitioners, and registered nurses for any health concern Medical Center

Office: 585-275-2662

River Campus Office: 585-275-2161

Eastman School Office: 585-274-1230

Health Promotion Unit: 585-273-5775 (Educational workshops/information)

University Counseling Center

Individual, couples, and group counseling

585-275-3113

Security

Assistance with emergencies and non-emergencies

Emergency Response: x13

Medical Emergency Response Team (MERT): x13

Non-emergencies: 585-275-3333

Wilson Commons Student Activities

585-275-9390

Residential Life

585-275-3166