

ALCOHOL & ILLEGAL DRUGS/CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

Alcohol

The health, safety, and welfare of students is critical to student's personal and academic success. Capital University is located in a state and community where laws and ordinances pertaining to the sale, possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages are promoted and enforced. Under Ohio law, a person must be 21 years old in order to consume and/or purchase beer or any other alcoholic beverage. In addition, possession, distribution or use of alcoholic beverages by a minor, drinking any alcoholic beverage in public areas of University premises that is not approved for such activity, public intoxication, and driving while under the influence of alcohol are expressly prohibited.

Capital University expects students of legal drinking age to act responsibly when consuming alcoholic beverages. We encourage students to assist other students whose health and safety is threatened due to irresponsible use and/or abuse of alcohol. In compliance with the law in the State of Ohio, and in the interest of the safety of all students, Capital University enforces the following alcohol policies:

1. A person must be 21 years old to possess and/or consume alcoholic beverages.
2. In University residences, if you are 21 years of age or older, you may not consume alcohol in your room with the door open.
3. Empty alcohol beverage containers, even as decorations, are not permitted within University owned property by students under the age of 21.
4. Persons serving or providing alcohol to minors are in violation of the University alcohol policy.
5. Public intoxication and/or disorderly conduct is prohibited.
6. Common source containers such as kegs and beer balls are prohibited, except where approved by University officials.
7. All high risk activities and drinking games such as quarters, beer pong, boat races, etc.
8. Devices for rapid consumption, such as funnels, are prohibited.
9. Alcohol related fliers, signs, and posters are prohibited in any public area.
10. A person is not permitted to carry an open container of alcohol on the street, in a motor vehicle, on a motorcycle, or in public areas of the University, except when approved by University officials.
11. Capital University prohibits the sale, possession, manufacture and consumption of alcoholic beverages in public areas of the University, including, but not limited to, areas outside University buildings, bathrooms, hallways, classrooms, stairwells, balconies/porches, lounges, except where approved by University officials.
12. In accordance with state law, grain alcohol is prohibited.

University Procedures for Intoxicated Students, Guests, & Visitors

If a student, guest, or visitor is intoxicated and the Capital University staff believes the person is unable to care for him/herself, the staff will contact emergency personnel. If it is determined that the student, guest, or visitor is unable to care for him/herself, he/she will be transported to the hospital. This action will be taken to protect the student and the community. All associated hospital costs will be the financial responsibility of the student, guest, or visitor. The University maintains the right to dispose of alcohol in instances when a person under 21 is consuming, even if a person over 21 years of age is present, or when there is alcohol in excess. Driving under the influence is both a violation of campus policy and an offense for which referrals for prosecution are made to local law enforcement authorities.

Illegal Drugs & Controlled Substances

Capital University prohibits the manufacture, possession, sales, and use of illegal drugs, controlled substances, and drug paraphernalia. The more commonly used drugs include, but are not limited to the following:

- Amphetamines
- Anabolic and other steroids
- Barbiturates and other stimulants/depressants (unless prescribed)
- Crack/Cocaine
- Hallucinogens and other LSD compounds
- Heroin
- Inhalants
- Marijuana
- Mescaline, psilocybin, DMT, and other narcotics or opiates
- Methamphetamine
- Prescription Drugs

Prescription drugs are considered controlled substances, and are permitted as long as being used by the person to whom the drug is prescribed in accordance with the directed use.

Prohibited Drug Paraphernalia

Common examples of prohibited drug paraphernalia are as follows:

- Bongs
- Roach clips
- Miniature spoons
- Various types of pipes

PLEASE NOTE: Marijuana pipes and bongs, etc., frequently carry a misleading disclaimer indicating that they are intended to be used only with tobacco products.

University Regulations Regarding Illegal Drug Use

Students involved in the use or possession of drugs will face substantial sanctions which could include suspension or dismissal from the University. In addition, students may be required to enroll and actively participate in a drug or alcohol counseling program or a rehabilitation program as a condition of continued enrollment. Students involved in any way in the distribution or sale of any amount of controlled substances will be suspended from the University as a minimum sanction, even on a first offense.

The University reserves the right to remove students from the residence halls for use or possession of a controlled substance at any time during the academic year. The student will be responsible for the full-term of the housing agreement, including all associated housing fees. The Capital University policies and procedures are in addition to, not substitutes for, criminal sanctions provided for in municipal, state and federal laws. When required by law, violations of federal, state, and local statutes will be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agencies.

Sanctions

Students found responsible for violating the policy on Alcohol & Illegal Drugs/Controlled Substances will be subject to fines, community service, residential or disciplinary probation, removal from the residence halls, required residence in University-approved housing as a condition of continued enrollment, suspension or dismissal. In conjunction with other penalties, students may be required to participate in an alcohol and other drugs education course or a chemical- abuse assessment/ evaluation.

Students who receive medical attention in these circumstances due to abuse of alcohol or illegal drugs will not face any disciplinary action concerning abuse for an initial offense. These students will be required to submit to a substance abuse assessment/evaluation and to any treatment which may include counseling, therapy, outpatient or inpatient care, etc. as prescribed by the attending clinician. Failing to comply with the assessment/evaluation or treatment recommendations will result in full disciplinary action for the original violation.