

STUDENT ALCOHOL POLICY (REVISED JULY 11, 2018)

PURPOSE

To inform the students of their responsibilities and duties concerning the consumption of alcohol on campus and at university events held off campus.

SCOPE

This policy is a University policy that applies to all administrators, faculty, staff, and students. The Dean of Students will be responsible for the oversight of this policy.

POLICY

The Schreiner University Student Alcohol Policy, like other standards of conduct applicable to the university community, is intended to further the educational mission of the university, to foster the development of responsible and mature social interaction in an institution of higher education, and to promote the health and safety of individuals. Each member of the community is responsible for his or her own actions and is expected to respect the rights of others to abstain from the use of alcohol. The alcohol and drug policies, with their emphasis on individual and shared responsibility, healthy and informed decision-making, and maintaining a caring environment, are adopted in this spirit.

Alcohol use, misuse, or abuse does not excuse any type of harassment, disruption, noise, or other behavior unacceptable to the Schreiner University community. Any student who, after consuming alcohol, exhibits behavior associated with intoxication, becomes argumentative or verbally abusive, refuses to cooperate with any University staff member, police officer, or person of authority who is performing her or his duties, destroys property, becomes physically violent, or becomes aggressive, is in violation of this policy.

SCHREINER UNIVERSITY PROHIBITS THE POSSESSION AND/OR CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BY PERSONS UNDER THE LEGAL DRINKING AGE ON PROPERTY OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY THE UNIVERSITY OR AS PART OF ANY UNIVERSITY ACTIVITY. UNIVERSITY POLICY ALSO PROHIBITS THE USE OF ILLEGAL DRUGS OR SUBSTANCES.

Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989

In compliance with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989, the university is committed to provide and maintain a safe and healthy workplace for learning and work. Alcohol and drug abuse will not be tolerated. All members of the university community are expected to abide by local, state, and federal laws pertaining to controlled substances and illicit drugs. Standards of conduct strictly prohibit the unlawful manufacture, distribution, possession or use of controlled substances or illicit drugs on the university property, and university-sponsored activities.

HOUSING

Alcohol (Apartments) Minors

Alcoholic paraphernalia may not be present in a common space or bedroom area where there is a resident under the legal drinking age or any hall designated as a dry hall. Apartments/rooms where assigned residents are under the age of 21 is considered “dry” and alcohol is prohibited in dry locations at all times. Residents under 21 years of age may not have the following in their room:

- Devices that are used for the manufacturing of alcoholic beverages,
- alcohol,
- beer bong,
- beer bottles, cans, caps or anything used to contain alcohol (i.e. boxes, kegs, etc.).

Alcohol (Apartments) 21 or older

Possession and consumption of alcohol is only allowed in rooms/apartments that are registered 21+ rooms, where **all** assigned residents are at least 21 years of age or older. In order to register for a 21+ room, students must fill out the 21+ Registration Form on the website and be approved by the Director of Residence Life.

- Any use of alcohol must be in moderation to ensure residents' rights to privacy, sleep, and study within their room or apartment. Drinking habits that are harmful to the health or educational endeavors of an individual or those around him/her (as determined by university officials) are reasons for disciplinary action. A student of legal age may possess only the amount of alcohol for his/her own healthy consumption.
- Transportation of alcoholic beverages to and from private rooms must be concealed (ex: a six pack or case must be in a bag or covered).
- Devices that are used for the manufacturing of alcoholic beverages, as well as kegs, beer bong, or other large vessels that contain alcohol are not allowed in the residence halls or apartments.
- Drinking games or not permitted. This includes any or all material that could be used for drinking games, example: beer pong table.

Underage guests.

- Underage access to alcohol is determined when a student is present in an apartment or room that has alcohol being possessed or consumed. An underage student does not need to be consuming/possessing alcohol to have access to alcohol.
- Underage possession of alcoholic beverage is determined by actual contact or by reasonable evidence of possession of alcohol by a person under the legal drinking age.
- Underage consumption is defined as the act of a person under the legal drinking

age having been witnessed consuming an alcoholic beverage or determined to have been drinking as demonstrated by their actions, demeanor or other evidence.

- Furnishing alcoholic beverages to any person under the legal age to drink such beverages is prohibited.

Responsibility of apartment resident

- As with other policies, the host is responsible for his/her own behavior and that of his/her guest(s) when alcohol is being consumed in a campus housing. Hosts are responsible for their guests both in the room and in areas immediately outside the room (sidewalks, porches, doorways, hallways, etc.).

ALCOHOL CAMPUS EVENTS

Alcohol may be served at on-campus and off-campus events only when the appropriate University personnel have given authorization. Recognized Student Organizations wishing to serve alcohol at an event must submit an Event/Alcohol Form with the appropriate authorizations to the Director of Student Activities no later than twenty business days prior to the event date. If an event is going to be held off campus by a third party vendor, you must also submit the Third Party Vendor Agreement.

Authorization will be given to those groups demonstrating sufficient evidence that the following guidelines will be observed. **Alcohol cannot be purchased with student organization funds!** The following precautionary measures will be taken to ensure that alcoholic beverages are not accessible or served to individuals under age or to persons who appear to be intoxicated:

- The lawful sale and/or service of alcoholic beverages will be conducted solely by non-student personnel from Chartwells Food Services when the event is on-campus or an approved third party vendor when the event is off-campus. Also, no one under the age of 21, other than (non-student) employees of the third party vendor, may assist with, handle, sell or serve alcoholic beverages. If the event is going to be held off-campus, you must have the third party vendor complete and sign the Third Party Vendor Agreement.
- There can be no serving of alcoholic beverages before noon on any day, or after midnight Sunday through Thursday. Alcohol may be served until 1 a.m. on Friday (Saturday morning) and Saturday (Sunday morning).
- Consumption of alcohol is permitted only within an established and approved area designated for the event.
- Beverage containers will not be allowed in or out of the event location. All open alcohol containers must be disposed of before leaving the designated event area.
- Wristbands will be issued by a Student Services professional or a designated full-time faculty or staff member to those who are 21 or older.
- No event shall include any form of "drinking contests."
- One security guard per 100 people must be **contracted by the organization hosting the event**. Security must arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of the event and remain 30 minutes after the conclusion of the event.

- An organization's faculty/staff advisor must be present for the entirety of the event where alcohol is being served. In the event that the advisor is unavailable, another faculty or staff member must be present with the approval of the Director of Student Activities.
- Attractive, non-alcoholic beverages must be available in the same location and featured as prominently as the alcoholic beverages. If the event is being held in the CCAC, arrangements must be made with Chartwells for non-alcoholic drinks and food.
- Food and non-alcoholic beverage items must be available in the area where alcohol is served free of charge.
- Organizations cannot use the sale of alcohol as a fundraiser for their group. RSO's cannot receive any money or donations from the sale of alcohol. This includes tips for serving or "donations" for serving alcohol.
- Organizations may not sponsor an event with alcohol, on or off-campus, during weeknights (Sunday through Thursday) when classes will be in session the following day, without the written approval of the Dean of Students.
- Members of the event-sponsoring organization are responsible for the cleanup of the event area immediately following the conclusion of the sponsored event.
- At least four members of the hosting organization will agree not to consume alcohol during the event and will help ensure that the guidelines of the Alcohol Event Form are followed.
- All advertisements for events with alcohol must have the appropriate stamp of approval from the Director of Student Activities. You cannot list the prices of alcohol provided at event, but can state that "Alcoholic Beverages will be available for purchase."

ALCOHOL AT UNIVERSITY SPONSORED TRIPS

Students must be of legal age to possess and consume alcohol as dictated by local, state and federal laws. Students who travel to a location that has a legal drinking age of less than 21 years may only consume alcohol if approved by the faculty or staff trip leader as a part of a trip conduct agreement.

HEALTH RISKS

Alcohol abuse can cause many health related problems. Approximately 150,000 deaths annually are directly related to alcohol abuse and/or alcoholism. Alcohol abuse can lead to alcoholism, premature death through overdose, and complications involving the brain, liver, heart, and many other body organs. Alcohol abuse is a prime contributor to suicide, homicide, motor vehicle deaths, other so-called accidental causes of death, and potential title 9 violations. Alcohol abuse interferes with psychological functions, causes interpersonal difficulties, and is involved in most cases of child abuse. Alcohol abuse also disrupts occupational effectiveness, and causes legal and financial problems. Alcohol used in any amount by a pregnant woman can cause birth defects. The abuse of illicit drugs can result in a wide variety of health problems. In general, illicit drug use can result in drug addiction, death by overdose, and death from withdrawal, seizure, heart problems, infections (HIV/AIDS), liver disease, and chronic brain dysfunction. Other problems associated with illicit drug use include psychological dysfunctions such

as memory loss, thought disorders (hallucinations, paranoia, psychosis), and psychological dependency. Additional effects include occupational, social, and family problems as well as a reduction in motivation. Schreiner University offers the campus community a variety of programs and activities that promote healthy lifestyles and substance-free alternatives. Additionally, students who need individual assistance such as personal counseling, alcohol and drug recovery support can use the services of the University Counseling Services. Students can also be provided resources in Kerrville and the surrounding area.

ALCOHOL POISONING

Symptoms of alcohol poisoning:

- Person is unconscious or semiconscious and cannot be awakened.
- Cold, clammy, pale or bluish skin.
- Breathing is slow, less than eight times per minute, or irregular, with ten seconds or more between breaths.
- Vomiting while “sleeping” or passed out, and not waking up after vomiting.

If a person has any of these symptoms, he or she is suffering from **acute alcohol intoxication**.

What to do:

- Get help. Call someone: a staff member, an ambulance (911), Security, someone who can help.
- Do not leave the person alone. Turn the victim on his/her side to prevent choking in case of vomiting.
- Always keep in mind the notion “better safe than sorry” if you are not sure what to do. If you really care about your friends and neighbors, getting help for them may keep them from dying from alcohol poisoning.

University Response

- To implement an effective alcohol and drug abuse prevention plan, the university will use both formal and informal channels of communication to:
- Distribute information that describes and encourages the use of counseling and treatment modalities available to both students and employees in the local and regional area.
- Make available to the campus population referrals to local treatment centers and counseling programs. The referrals will be made within a supportive and confidential environment by the University Health and Wellness Center, Counseling Center, Coordinator of Housing and Judicial Affairs, and/or Human Resources.

911 Lifeline Law

Effective September, 2011. Senate Bill 1331 amends the Alcoholic Beverage Code to say that in the event of possible alcohol poisoning, a person under 21 calling for help for himself or another will not be cited for possessing or consuming alcohol. The immunity

for minors is limited to the first person who calls for assistance, only if he or she stays on the scene and cooperates with law enforcement and medical personnel. Senate Bill 1331 does not protect a person from being cited for any other violation of the law. In support of this life saving amendment the Schreiner University Student Code of Conduct has been amended as well to mirror this same policy in the event of a call for help involving alcohol and a medical emergency.

POLICY VIOLATION

Violation of the Schreiner University Alcohol Drug Policy and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989 will necessitate appropriate disciplinary action against such an employee or student up to and including termination or expulsion. Appropriate disciplinary action may also include, but is not limited to: probation, and/or requiring such employee or student, at the individual's expense, to participate satisfactorily in a drug assistance or rehabilitation program approved by the university.

Administrative Oversight: Dean of Students

Responsible for Implementation: Dean of Students

For questions or further clarification you may contact one of the following:

Dean of Students Charles M Hueber at cmhueber@schreiner.edu

Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission at 512-206-3347