

## ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG POSSESSION

**Section:** Safety and Security

**Policy:** It is the policy of University Housing to abide by the University of Georgia Alcohol and Other Drugs policy. Residential Programs and Services (RPS) staff members are expected to confront situations that allegedly violate this policy and respond to emergencies related to alcohol and other drug use.

**Purpose:** The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for handling alcohol and other drug use and abuse.

**Scope:** This policy applies to all University Housing staff, residents, visitors and guests.

**Background:** This policy has been established to describe and elaborate on the University of Georgia and University Housing expectations for handling alcohol and drug situations. The policies, which guide University Housing, are found in the [Community Guide](#), the housing contract and the Code of Conduct. Further information on federal and state criminal laws and university policies pertaining to drugs and alcohol may be obtained from the Office of Student Conduct. Please see the University of Georgia policy on alcohol and other drugs for more information.

### Procedure:

#### I. General Guidelines

- A. Georgia law prohibits possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages by those under the legal drinking age and prohibits making alcoholic beverages available to persons under the legal drinking age.
- B. Residents of legal drinking age may consume alcoholic beverages in the privacy of their room or apartment unit; no alcoholic beverages may be consumed in any other areas of any residence hall, including common areas.
- C. No resident shall furnish, or cause to be furnished, any alcoholic beverage to any person under the legal drinking age.
- D. Common source containers (kegs, punch bowls or other containers) are prohibited in the residence halls.
- E. Inappropriate behavior related to the consumption of any alcoholic beverage or any illegal drug is prohibited.
- F. Illegal drugs are not permitted in the residence halls.
- G. Monies collected or generated by University Housing may not be used to purchase alcohol. Alcoholic beverages may not be sold, under any circumstances, or given away at organized resident functions within the residence halls.

#### II. Staff Response to Alcohol and Other Drugs

- A. Staff members will ask underage residents found in possession of alcoholic beverages to dispose of the alcohol under the supervision of housing staff.

- B. Whenever a staff member becomes aware of a person who may need immediate medical attention (such as an individual being incoherent, unconscious or having trouble breathing, etc.) the staff member should follow the guidelines below:
1. Notify UGA Police at 706-542-2200 or 911 immediately.
  2. Undergraduate staff responding to a medical concern should contact the professional or graduate staff member on duty to inform them of the situation.
  3. Persons in need of assistance should not be left in the care of friends and staff should never accept responsibility for the care of such a person.
  4. Staff should never transport residents in their personal vehicles.
  5. Staff should attempt to talk with the person needing assistance and find out what they drank, how much, in what time period and the date if possible. This information should be shared with emergency medical personnel.
  6. Staff should attempt to alleviate problems and concerns in the immediate vicinity if needed, such as calming bystanders down by having resident assistants or C.L.A.S.S. advocates talk to concerned people. Persons not involved in the incident should not be permitted to congregate or gather around the person needing assistance.
  7. Staff should notify the assistant director and follow the appropriate guidelines on consulting up.
  8. Staff should assist emergency medical personnel in any way they can without impeding in their work.

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