

George Mason University

University Alcohol Abuse Policy

1. The possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages is limited to those locations and circumstances authorized by university policy.
2. No alcoholic beverages are permitted in Presidents Park or designated first year residential areas in University Commons
3. Students 21 years of age or older are permitted to possess alcohol in residence hall rooms other than those located in Presidents Park or designated first year residential areas in University Commons.
4. No alcoholic beverages may be consumed in public areas of residence halls. This includes, but is not limited to hallways, study rooms and lounges.
5. All first time offenses of this policy by residential students, except those involving severe intoxication and/or emergency medical response, will be adjudicated through the housing judicial system. All offenses by non-resident students will be referred to the University Judicial Administrator.
6. Housing discipline sanctions will be primarily educational, but may include a housing assignment change, referral to the University Judicial Administrator, and/or removal from housing.
7. All cases involving severely intoxicated students and/or police or emergency medical responses will be referred to the University Judicial Administrator for disciplinary action. The University Judicial Administrator may mandate an evaluation by the Office of Alcohol, Drug, and Health Education, or an outside agency.
8. Sanctions imposed by University Judicial Administrator or the University Judicial Board will be designed to offer assistance in overcoming an identified problem. While the purpose of the judicial action will be educational and remedial, it may be appropriate to remove the student from campus housing or from the University.
9. The University will encourage parental involvement whenever there is a repeat offense or when the first offense indicates a serious problem. This involvement will be in accord with the provisions of the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act.

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University Drug Abuse Policy

1. Use and/or possession of illegal drugs and drug paraphernalia are prohibited on the campuses of George Mason University. Violation of this community standard will be considered a serious offense. Implementation of this policy will be in accord with established university procedures as contained in the University Judicial Code.
2. The University Police will enforce all applicable local, state, and federal laws in accord with established standing orders, procedures and guidelines.
3. There will be a university judicial review of all reports of drug offenses occurring on campus. Action under the University Judicial Code will neither prejudice nor be prejudiced by action taken either in the criminal justice system or by the management of University Housing.
4. Any student found responsible for a violation of law or regulation involving illegal drugs may, at the discretion of the hearing officer, be required to undergo an evaluation administered by personnel of the University's Office of Alcohol, Drug and Health Education prior to re-admittance to the University.
5. The housing status of a resident student found in violation of a campus drug regulation will be determined by the appropriate housing official. Guests and visitors found responsible of violating a campus drug regulation while in a residence hall will be issued a trespass order prohibiting their presence in any and all residential buildings of the George Mason University campuses. This trespass order will be in effect for a minimum of one calendar year.
6. In addition to any action taken by University Housing, the standard sanction for a student's first on-campus violation involving possession or use of marijuana or possession of drug paraphernalia will be suspension from the University for a minimum of one academic semester.
7. Any student found responsible for a violation involving sale or possession of an illegal substance with intent to distribute will be permanently separated from the University.
8. Any student found responsible for use or possession of an illegal drug other than marijuana will be suspended from the University for a minimum of one year. The suspended student must provide evidence of successful participation in a drug treatment program prior to reinstatement.