



Policy Addressing Alcohol and Illegal Drugs

Alcohol Policy

The U.S. Department of Education has issued regulations implementing the provisions of the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989, Public Law 101-226. Walnut Hill College's policy concerning drug and alcohol use conforms to this federal law. The regulations requires that the College distribute the following information annually to you in writing concerning the manufacturing, possession, use, or distribution of alcohol and illicit drugs at the College. In addition, this law requires the College to educate all Walnut Hill College's constituencies about the effects and consequences of the distribution or use of illicit drugs and/or alcohol.

The possession, sale or the furnishing of alcohol or illegal drugs on Walnut Hill College is not permitted.

The possession, sale, manufacture or distribution of any controlled substance is illegal under both state and federal laws. Such laws are strictly enforced by the college's staff and security. Violators are subject to the College's disciplinary actions, criminal prosecution, fine and imprisonment.

Violations of the College's alcohol policy include, but are not limited to:

- Possession, use, or distribution of alcohol without regard to the age of the student. The college does not allow any student to possess alcohol in classrooms, on campus and in Residential Learning dorm buildings.
- Under the influence of alcohol while on College property.
- Disruptive conduct due all or in part of being under the influence of alcohol.

- Providing alcohol or providing a space for the consumption of alcohol in any outdoor, or controlled space by the College (including sidewalks, steps, porches, lawns, etc.)
- Promotion or advertisement of any kind of alcoholic beverage on College property.

The College supports and will cooperate with authorities of the federal government, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the City of Philadelphia in the enforcement of public laws and regulation regarding alcohol and drugs.

While the college does not have a drug or alcohol program, information is available in the Center for Hospitality Studies in the form of area support groups.

HEALTH RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH ABUSE OF ALCOHOL & USE OF ILLICIT DRUGS

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAA) offer extensive information on the abuse of alcohol and drugs, health risks associated with drug and alcohol abuse and treatment options. Important, related information on a wide range of related topics is also available on both sites home pages: www.drugabuse.gov and www.niaa.nih.gov.

For more compelling and accurate drug and alcohol health information in an easy-to-reference chart and handout format go to:

NIDA: Commonly Abused Drugs Chart

<http://www.drugabuse.gov/drugs-abuse/commonly-abused-drugs-charts/commonly-abused-drugs-chart>

NIDA: Commonly Abused Prescription Drugs Chart

<http://www.drugabuse.gov/drugs-abuse/commonly-abused-drugs-charts/commonly-abused-prescription-drugs-chart>

NIAA: Alcohol's Effects on the Body

<http://www.niaaa.nih.gov/alcohol-health/alcohols-effects-body>

NIAA: Overview of Alcohol Consumption

<http://www.niaaa.nih.gov/alcohol-health/overview-alcohol-consumption>

Drug Policy

The Federal Government prohibits the manufacture, distribution, dispensation and possession of controlled substances unless specifically permitted by statute.

Some drugs have a high potential for abuse, but some medical use, and include opium, morphine, codeine, barbiturates, cocaine and its derivatives, amphetamines, phencyclidine (PCP) and other narcotics.

A complete listing of controlled substances and their classifications is contained in Title 21 of the United States Code at Section 812. Penalties for the unauthorized possession, manufacture, sale, distribution or delivery of drugs varies according to the type and quality of drug, the existence of prior offenses and whether death or serious injury results from the drug involved.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania also imposes penalties for the possession, sale or delivery of a controlled substance.

Students, faculty and staff are prohibited from possessing and/or using narcotics or drugs (other than those medically prescribed, properly used and in the original container) on College property; while on College business or participating in any college-sponsored activity or event. Any and all types of drug paraphernalia that can be used to consume drugs are not permitted on College property.