

Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy

Philosophy:

The University of Maine at Presque Isle is committed to promoting the health and safety of all members of the campus community. The University is dedicated to providing education and resources to assist all members in making responsible decisions regarding the use of substances. The University strives to develop alcohol and other drug policies that are clear, readily understandable, consistent, and fair to all; to create a supportive and non-threatening environment for those that choose not to drink and/or do drugs; to promote safety and individual accountability for those who decide to drink; and to assist those struggling with alcohol and drug related issues.

Scope:

All students, faculty, staff, and visitors are subject to local, state, and federal laws, as well as University rules and regulations, while on University-owned or leased property or involved with off-campus activities sponsored by the University or a registered University organization.

The University strictly adheres to the University of Maine System Student Conduct Code. As such, it follows all sanctioning guidelines and procedures contained in that policy. The severity of the imposed sanctions will be appropriate to the violation. Possible sanctions include educational projects, community service, fines, loss of visiting privileges, probation, suspension, dismissal, and other actions the University deems appropriate.

The University is obligated to uphold local, state, and federal laws. It does not protect students from prosecution for alcohol or drug offenses under such laws, and does not interfere with enforcement by local, state, and federal law enforcement officers. This policy is enforced *in addition* to existing laws and statutes.

All residence hall students are responsible for the actions of their guests. This includes informing all visitors of the University's Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy and making sure their guests abide by the policy. Guests who are in violation of the policy may have their privilege of visiting the residence halls and/or the campus revoked or suspended.

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Alcohol:

The following actions are prohibited:

- a. Underage drinking. Only persons of legal age (21 or older) may possess or consume alcoholic beverages. Legal proof of age, such as a valid driver's license or passport, may be required.
- b. Purchasing, serving, selling, or furnishing alcohol to or for a minor.
- c. Selling, manufacturing, or distributing alcohol without a license.
- d. Providing false information about name, age, and other identification or failing to provide identification.
- e. Administering alcohol to individuals against their will and/or without their knowledge.
- f. Possession or consumption in buildings designated as dry or substance-free: No alcohol is permitted in these buildings by anyone, regardless of age. The possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages is permitted in specifically designated halls, with the door closed, by residents 21 or older as long as the roommate is not underage.
- g. Exhibiting signs of being visibly intoxicated. Intoxication is identified by generally reliable signs such as a strong odor of alcohol on an individual's breath, slurred speech, impaired coordination, glassy eyes, and/or exaggerated emotions or behaviors. Individuals may be found in violation of the policy if their level of impairment attracts the attention of University, town, or other officials and/or warrants medical care or police custody.
- h. Possessing alcohol in unauthorized spaces, public spaces, and outside on the campus grounds. Students of legal drinking age are also not permitted to transport alcohol in open containers through designated buildings outside their rooms.
- i. Bringing alcohol to a University event, or leaving a University event with alcoholic beverages provided at the event.
- j. Containers of mass consumption such as kegs, punch bowls, etc.
- k. Large quantities of alcohol (more than a 30 pack of 12oz. beer or its equivalent), per room resident of legal age.
- l. Possession of more than ½ gallon hard liquor or its equivalent of the same liquor type, such as rum, whiskey, etc., per room resident of legal age.
- m. Engaging in drinking games and other behaviors designed for the purpose of becoming intoxicated (i.e. funnels, keg stands, "around the world" parties, beer pong tables, etc.).

Alcohol Citation System:

Sanctions listed in Appendix A are potential outcomes for students who are found in violation of

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state laws, federal laws, and/or the University of Maine Code of Conduct. Additional sanctions may be given, or other sanctions may be substituted as deemed necessary by the Conduct Officer, Dean of Students, or a Conduct Code Panel. All students have the right to appeal the sanctions as accorded to them through the University of Maine System Student Conduct Code.

All code of conduct sanctions related to alcohol violations remain in effect for one full year (365 days) from the time of the incident.

The University makes no attempt to shield individuals from civil or criminal liability should they choose to violate local, state, or federal laws.

Parental Notification:

In accordance with the Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act, the University may contact the parent(s) or guardian(s) of any student under the age of 21 who is found in violation of any offense governing the use or possession of alcohol or a controlled substance.

Monetary Sanctions:

Monetary sanctions may be imposed if damages or cleaning charges are issued due to the nature of the incident for restitution purposes. Total charges are given on a case by case basis after an assessment of damages by our facilities staff.

Alcohol at On Campus Catered Events:

The University permits alcohol consumption on campus, catered events by individuals 21 years or older; however, the consumption of alcohol should never be the primary purpose or focus of the event. All events where alcohol consumption will be occurring must be registered and approved by the Director of Campus Safety and Security.

For more information, contact the Director of Campus Safety and Security for the Alcohol at On Campus Events Guidelines.

Drugs:

The following actions are prohibited:

- a. Illegally possessing, using, manufacturing, dispensing, or selling drugs

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- b. Using, possessing, selling, distributing, or manufacturing prescription medication without a properly issued prescription
- c. Possessing drug paraphernalia containing illegal drug residue, including but not limited to bongs, glass pipes, syringes
- d. Exhibiting signs of being under the influence of illegal drugs (such as a smell of having used marijuana, bloodshot eyes, vomiting, difficulty standing, agitation, etc.) anywhere on campus or at a University sponsored event, regardless of where the consumption or use has occurred
- e. Administering drugs to individuals against their will and/or without their knowledge

The Presque Isle Police Department may be contacted for appropriate legal action by a University official, in any situation involving illegal drugs.

Drug Citation System:

Sanctions listed in Appendix B are potential outcomes for students who are found in violation of state laws, federal laws, and/or the University of Maine Code of Conduct. Additional sanctions may be given, or other sanctions may be substituted as deemed necessary by the Conduct Officer, Dean of Students, or a Conduct Code Panel. All students have the right to appeal the sanctions as accorded to them through the University of Maine System Student Conduct Code.

All drug sanctions remain in effect for one full year (365 days) from the time of the incident.

The University makes no attempt to shield individuals from civil or criminal liability should they choose to violate local, state, or federal laws.

Medical Marijuana:

To remain eligible for federal funding of various programs and grants, including student financial aid, the University complies with all federal laws and regulations. Federal laws including (Controlled Substances Act, Drug Free Schools and Communities Act, and the Drug Free Workplace Act) make it illegal to possess, cultivate, or sell marijuana. Thus, the University of Maine at Presque Isle prohibits the cultivation, possession, use, or distribution of marijuana, even for state certified medical purposes on campus or at University sponsored events.

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Although the use of medical marijuana is not permitted, students may make a request for other reasonable accommodations through Student Support Services.

Tobacco Free:

The University is a tobacco-free institution, prohibiting the use of any tobacco or non-FDA approved nicotine product, including smokeless tobacco and electronic nicotine cigarettes (e-cigarettes). This policy applies to all full-time, part-time employees, faculty, students, contractors, vendors, and visitors. The use of all tobacco and non-FDA approved nicotine products such as e-cigarettes are prohibited on all campus property owned or leased and the sidewalk adjacent to the campus. This includes in and around all buildings, common areas, and parking lots on the main campus. Tobacco use is prohibited in all and any University owned or leased vehicles. Tobacco use is prohibited in any and all privately owned or leased vehicles while on University property.

Please see the Tobacco Free Campus Policy, for more information:

[Tobacco Free Campus Policy](#)

Medical Amnesty and Good Samaritan Policy:

There may be times where the abuse of alcohol and other drugs creates life-threatening situations that require an immediate response from emergency service personnel. The University's primary concern is the health and safety of all members of the campus community, and that those in need receive prompt medical attention.

Under this Good Samaritan policy, efforts will be made to mitigate the sanctions listed in the Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy for "Good Samaritans." These conditions apply to the individual in distress and those who sought assistance. This policy refers to isolated incidents only, and does not excuse or protect those who flagrantly or repeatedly violate the Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy. The University cannot guarantee absolute immunity from sanctions associated with violations of the Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy, University of Maine System Student Conduct Code, or local, state, and federal laws.

This policy cannot protect individuals from action by law enforcement personnel, but is consistent with [Maine Statute 14.164](#) that provides immunity from civil damages to any person who voluntarily renders first aid or emergency treatment to a person who is unconscious, ill, or in need of medical treatment.

Laws and Resources:

Maine Liquor Statutes:

[Maine Liquor Statutes](#)

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism: College Students:

[College Drinking Prevention resources](#)

Tobacco Free Maine:

[Tobacco Free Maine](#)

Aroostook Substance Abuse Prevention:

[Aroostook Substance Abuse Prevention](#)

Community Voices:

[Community Voices](#)

Methadone Clinics in Maine

[Methadone clinics in Maine directory](#)

University of Maine System Student Conduct Code:

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On Campus Resources:

Resource	Location	Phone
Health Services	Emerson Annex	207-768-9586
Student Support Services	Center for Innovative Learning	207-768-9617
Counseling Center	Emerson Annex	207-768-9791
Director of Safety and Security	Campus Center	207-768-9580
Dean of Students	Emerson Annex	207-768-9518

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Local Resources:

Service	Provider	Website	Phone
Substance Abuse Services	AMHC	AMHC website	207-498-6431
Counseling and Mental Health	Life By Design	Life By Design website	207-764-6285
Alcohol Abuse	Alcoholics Anonymous-Maine	Alcoholics Anonymous Maine website	207-774-4335
Drug Addiction	Narcotics Anonymous-Maine	Narcotics Anonymous Maine website	1-800-974-0062

Policy Assessment:

This policy shall be reviewed every year by the Dean of Students office, with a comprehensive evaluation and assessment conducted every four years.

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For questions or concerns, please contact the Vice President of Student Affairs, 207-768-9518

Appendix A

Common Offenses and Potential Sanctions for Alcohol Violations

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Violation Type	Incident	Potential Outcomes
Furnishing to minors and/or providing a place for minors to consume intoxicating liquor	1st Offense	Housing Probation Disciplinary Probation Criminal Summons Complete BASIC (Brief Alcohol Screening and Intervention for College Students) Program Disciplinary Probation Community Service Parental Notification *Medical Amnesty, if applicable
	2nd Offense	Disciplinary Probation Housing Probation Community Service Educational Project Criminal Summons Removal from Housing Parental Notification Disciplinary Suspension or Dismissal
Underage Possession/Consumption	1st Offense	Official Warning Civil Summons Complete BASIC (Brief Alcohol Screening and Intervention for College Students) Program Community Service Parental Notification *Medical Amnesty, if applicable
	2nd Offense	Disciplinary Probation Housing Probation Community Service Educational Project Civil Summons Removal from Housing Parental Notification
	3rd Offense	Civil Summons Deferred Suspension Housing Relocation Community Service Removal from Housing Disciplinary Suspension or Dismissal Parental Notification
Visibly Intoxicated by Persons of Legal Age	1st Offense	Official Warning Community Service Complete BASIC (Brief Alcohol Screening and Intervention for College Students) Program
	2nd Offense	Community Service

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Violation Type	Incident	Potential Outcomes
		Complete BASIC (Brief Alcohol Screening and Intervention for College Students) Program Disciplinary Probation
	3 rd Offense	Community Service Removal from Housing Disciplinary Suspension or Dismissal

*All incidents may include an educational requirement and/or mental health referral.

Appendix B

Common Offenses and Potential Sanctions for Drug Violations

Violation Type	Incident	Potential Outcomes
Illegal manufacturing, dispensing, and/or selling of drugs, drug paraphernalia, and/or prescription medication	1st Offense	Criminal Summons** Removal from Housing Disciplinary Suspension or Dismissal
Illegal possession and/or use of drugs, drug paraphernalia and/or prescription medication	1st Offense	Community Service Civil/Criminal Summons** Disciplinary Probation or Suspension
	2nd Offense	Civil/Criminal Summons** Removal from Housing Disciplinary Suspension or Dismissal

*All incidents may include an educational requirement and/or mental health referral.

**All drug related offenses that are criminal in nature (i.e. manufacturing, dispensing, selling; possession of illegal substances) will be referred to the District Attorney's office for prosecution.

Maine State Links:

[Title 28-A, Chapter 81: PROHIBITED ACTS BY MINORS \(mainelegislature.org\)](http://mainelegislature.org)

[Title 28-A, Chapter 83: PROHIBITED ACTS IN GENERAL \(mainelegislature.org\)](http://mainelegislature.org)

[Title 17-A, Chapter 45: DRUGS \(maine.gov\)](http://maine.gov)