**ALCOHOL**
Approximately 85 percent of our residence hall population is not of legal age to purchase or drink alcoholic beverages. Further, abuse of College of Charleston property is usually directly related to excessive use of alcohol. Accordingly, the following restrictions apply: Distilled beverages are allowed in only “upper-class” residence halls and houses. There will be no alcoholic beverages allowed in Berry, Buist, College Lodge, Craig, McAlister, and McConnell Halls. Where allowed, alcoholic beverages must be in the private possession and control of the owner. Residential students are strongly encouraged to know the pertinent rules and regulations as outlined in The Guide to Residence Living.

**Parental Notification Policy**
The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) permits an institution of higher education to disclose to parents or legal guardians the results of disciplinary hearings and actions if the student is less than 21 years of age and responsible for violating campus rules regarding the use or possession of alcohol or a controlled substance. Parents or guardians of students under the age of 21 will be notified of all violations of College drug and alcohol policies.

Violations that occur within our residential system are not only violations of our community standards for students residing in housing but also our campus community standards and values. The College considers any violation of its alcohol policies to be a serious offense. The College will respond to all reported violations of this policy in accordance with the disciplinary procedures published in the Student Handbook or Guide to Residence Living.

Sanctions imposed for alcohol violations that occur on or off campus may be influenced, in part, by mitigating or aggravating circumstances.

**Alcohol-Related Violations within the Residence Halls or On Campus**

**First Violation**
- Be placed on residence life probation for a minimum of one semester.
- Have a parental/guardian notification letter sent concerning the violation.
- Participate in an alcohol risk reduction program at Counseling and Substance Abuse Services.
  Failure to complete first offense sanctions will trip second violation sanctions.

**Second Violation** (Automatic referral to the Dean of Students Office)
- Be removed from residence life housing with full payment of the contract due.
- Be placed on disciplinary suspension from the College for a minimum of one semester.
- Have re-admission to the College dependent on successful completion of a pre-approved substance abuse counseling program.
- Have a parental/guardian notification letter sent concerning the violation.

**Alcohol-Related, Noise and Public Disturbance Violations Off-Campus**

**First Violation**
- Receive a warning from office of student affairs.
- Be required to complete a pre-approved alcohol risk reduction program on or off campus.
  Failure to complete first offense sanctions will trip second violation sanctions.

**Second Violation** (Adjudication by Honor Board/Panel.) Sanction would include, but not limited to:
- Be placed on deferred suspension for one year.
- Have a parental/guardian notification letter sent concerning the violation.
- Denial of on campus housing and other privileges.
- Attend a pre-approved comprehensive substance abuse assessment.
  Failure to complete second offense sanction will trip third violation sanctions.

**Third Violation** (Adjudication by Honor Board/Panel.) Sanction would include, but not limited to:
- Be placed on disciplinary suspension from the College for a minimum of one semester.
- Have re-admission to the College dependent on successful completion of a pre-approved substance abuse counseling program.
- Have a parental/guardian notification letter sent concerning the violation.
South Carolina Scholarships – Hope, Life, Palmetto – and Violations of State Alcohol and Drug Laws

Students who have been adjudicated delinquent or have been convicted or pled guilty or nolo contendere to any South Carolina alcohol or other drug-related misdemeanor offense are ineligible for the scholarship for one academic year after the adjudication, conviction, or plea occurred. The student will lose eligibility the next academic year immediately following conviction and will lose the scholarship for the fall and spring terms.

Group (student organization and office-sponsored) Events

Group functions are conducted in compliance with South Carolina state alcoholic beverage laws and College of Charleston regulations. The policies are intended to discourage irresponsible use of alcoholic beverages and emphasize responsible drinking behavior, thereby minimizing the liabilities of the College of Charleston and of the sponsoring group. The complete policy pertaining to student organization and office-sponsored events can be found in the Student Handbook and in The Compass.

On-Campus Organization Sponsored Events with Alcohol

Group functions are conducted in compliance with South Carolina state alcoholic beverage laws and College of Charleston regulations. The policy is intended to discourage irresponsible use of alcoholic beverages and emphasize responsible drinking behavior, thereby minimizing the liabilities of the College and the sponsoring group. This policy is for beer and wine only. No distilled spirits are permitted at any College of Charleston function sponsored by students on the College of Charleston campus. The policy is written for all recognized student organizations and offices working with organizations at the College of Charleston.

Violation Responses for Student Organization Sponsored Events with Alcohol

The first person detected being in violation of campus, local alcohol or drug ordinances will be ticketed and removed from the event. The second person in violation will be ticketed, removed from the event and cause the event to be shut down.

First Violation

- Group is on social/event suspension for minimum of one month. The exact time period is to be determined by the Director of Student Life.
- Executive Board and risk manager must schedule and attend a meeting with Campus Substance Abuse Prevention Coordinator to develop a risk reduction plan.
- Social/event suspension remains in place until meeting and plan are completed.

Failure to comply with sanctions on the first offense will result in sanctioning as imposed under a second violation.

Second Violation

- Loss of campus privileges including access to the organization account for a minimum of three months, excluding summer months.
- Entire organization must attend a 6-hour alcohol risk reduction seminar (deadline to be set by the disciplinary administrator).
- Must pay a $500.00 fine to The Office of Student Life or plan an alcohol-free social event for the entire student body on a weekend.
- Letter of notification to be sent to the national organization, sponsoring agency or academic department.

Failure to comply with sanctions on the second offense will result in sanctioning as imposed under a third violation.

Third Violation

Suspension of recognition by the College for a time period consistent with the level of infraction up to a permanent suspension from the College of Charleston campus. This will be determined by the Director of Student Life in conjunction with the Dean of Students.
CURRENT SOUTH CAROLINA LAWS RELATED TO ALCOHOL USE

Purchasing or possessing liquor if you are under the age of 21
A fine of $100 to $200 or imprisonment for up to 30 days
Suspension of driver’s license for 90 days for the first offense and six months for a second or subsequent offense
S.C. Code Ann. Sections 20-7-8925, 56-1-746

Lying or providing false information about your age to purchase beer or wine
A fine of $50 to $200 or imprisonment for up to 30 days
Suspension of driver’s license for 90 days for the first offense and six months for a second or subsequent offense
S.C. Code Ann. Sections 61-4-60, 56-1-746

Lying or providing false information about your age to purchase liquor
A fine of $100 to $200 or imprisonment for up to 30 days
Suspension of driver’s license for 90 days for the first offense and six months for a second or subsequent offense
S.C. Code Ann. Sections 20-7-8925, 56-1-746

Possessing an altered or invalid driver’s license or personal identification card
A fine of up to $200 or imprisonment for up to 30 days for the first offense and a fine of up to $500 or imprisonment for up to six months for a second or subsequent offense
S.C. Code Ann. Sections 56-1-510(1)

Lending a driver’s license or personal identification card to any other person
A fine of up to $200 or imprisonment for up to 30 days
Suspension of driver’s license for 90 days and a fine of up to $500 for the first offense or imprisonment for up to six months for a second or subsequent offense
S.C. Code Ann. Sections 56-1-510(2), 56-1-746

Altering a driver’s license
A fine of up to $2,500 or imprisonment for up to six months - or both
Suspension of driver’s license for 90 days for the first offense and six months for a second or subsequent offense
S.C. Code Ann. Sections 56-1-515(1), 56-1-746

Selling or issuing a false driver’s license
A fine of up to $2,500 or imprisonment for up to six months - or both
Suspension of driver’s license for 90 days for the first offense and six months for a second or subsequent offense
S.C. Code Ann. Sections 56-1-515(1), 56-1-746

Using someone else’s driver’s license or personal identification card
A fine of up to $100 or imprisonment for up to 30 days
Suspension of driver’s license for 90 days for the first offense and six months for a second or subsequent offense
S.C. Code Ann. Sections 56-1-515(2), (4), 56-1-746

Using an altered driver’s license or identification card containing false information
A fine of up to $100 or imprisonment for up to 30 days
Suspension of driver’s license for 90 days for the first offense and six months for a second or subsequent offense
S.C. Code Ann. Sections 56-1-515(2), (4), 56-1-746

Giving beer, wine or liquor to anyone who is under the age of 21, including serving anyone in your home except your child or spouse
A fine of up to $200 or imprisonment for up to 30 days
Suspension of driver’s license for 90 days for the first offense and six months for a second or subsequent offense
S.C. Code Ann. Sections 61-4-90, 56-1-746, 61-6-4070

Refusing to submit to testing to determine your blood alcohol concentration (BAC) level if you are under the age of 21
Suspension or denial of issuance of driver’s license for six months or one year if you have been convicted of driving under the influence (DUI) or driving with a BAC of .02 percent or higher while under the age of 21, within the five years preceding the violation
Mandatory enrollment and completion of an Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program (ADSAP) if license is suspended
S.C. Code Ann. Section 56-1-286

Driving a motor vehicle with a BAC of .02 percent or higher if you are under the age of 21
Suspension of driver’s license for three months
Suspension of driver’s license for six months if convicted of a DUI conviction within the past five years
Mandatory enrollment/completion of an ADSAP if license is suspended
S.C. Code Ann. Section 56-1-286
Violating any alcohol-related laws if you are a student brings additional penalties (besides those cited previously) include:

- ineligibility for state-funded grants and/or scholarships; and
- ineligibility for the refundable state individual income tax credit.
  S.C. Code Ann. Sections 59-149-90, 12-6-3385

Refusing to submit to chemical testing to determine BAC
Suspension of driver's license for 90 days
Suspension of driver's license for 180 days if you have had a prior DUI conviction within the past 10 years
S.C. Code Ann. Section 56-5-2951

Driving a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs and causing great bodily injury to any other person
Mandatory fine of $5,000 to $10,000 and imprisonment for 30 days to 15 years
This crime is considered a felony offense.
S.C. Code Ann. Section 56-5-2945

Driving a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs and causing death to any other person
Mandatory fine of $10,000 to $25,000 and imprisonment for one to 25 years
This crime is considered a felony offense.
S.C. Code Ann. Section 56-5-2945

Commission of a felony DUI offense:
Additional penalties (besides fines and imprisonment as identified above) include:

- ineligibility to vote until sentence is served (including probation and parole);
- may be denied entry into the armed forces or be restricted in regard to certain jobs within the armed forces;
- ineligibility to work for a federal law enforcement agency;
- may be denied employment at federal or state agencies; and
- ineligibility to file to run for any office in the state or its political subdivisions until 15 years or more after the completion of sentence (including probation and parole).

All convictions are placed in a permanent criminal record.

For underage drinking violations, offenses can be "stacked." In other words, a person charged and convicted of three separate offenses can receive all three fines or jail terms.

DRUGS
The College of Charleston is concerned with both the welfare of the College community and the academic and personal development of each student. The College strives to create a healthy environment where the illegal and/or improper use of drugs does not interfere with learning, performance, or development. Abuse of drugs disrupts this environment and places at risk the lives and well-being of the members of the College community, as well as the potential for students to contribute to society. It is important for all members of the college community to take responsibility for preventing the illegal and/or improper use of drugs from negatively affecting the community’s learning environment and the academic, physical, and emotional well-being of its students. Since there are numerous means by which the use of drugs may adversely affect both students and the College community, it is important that the College issue to all students a clear statement of policy concerning the illegal and/or improper use of drugs.
This policy is intended to accomplish the following:

- To promote a healthy and safe learning environment.
- To demonstrate the commitment of the College to the provision of:
  1. Education and prevention services designed to help prevent illegal and/or improper use of drugs.
  2. Early intervention and referral services related to the illegal and/or improper use of drugs.
- To encourage and facilitate the use of treatment and support services by those students who seek or are in need of assistance.
- To define expectations for student behavior with respect to the illegal and/or improper use of drugs.
- To identify appropriate disciplinary procedures for those students who engage in illegal and/or improper drug-related behaviors.
Education, Prevention, Intervention, and Treatment

The College's first obligation in dealing with drug problems is to educate the College community. This obligation is addressed by a variety of prevention and education programs which are offered, including formal and informal classes, lectures, discussions, and activities that address both drug-abuse prevention and drug-related problems. Students are encouraged to participate in the numerous campus organizations and activities which promote drug-free experiences, including W.A.V.E. (Wellness Advocacy and Volunteer Empowerment). A list of student organizations is available in the Stern Student Center. Current information about the risks and statistics related to drug use are available to students. Educational efforts also address personal intervention skills to help members of the College community to better respond to students demonstrating problems related to the use of drugs. As drug abuse is a societal issue, the College will also conduct research and offer expertise in this area as a public service.

A second responsibility of the College is to promote an atmosphere where students who have a problem with drug use will have the opportunity to seek help. Each student seeking assistance will be provided an opportunity for an individual diagnostic assessment and will be offered information on, or referral to appropriate services which address the improper use of drugs, including the misuse of prescription or over-the-counter drugs. Available services may include educational activities, structured groups, counseling, and self-help groups. Some of these services are offered on campus at no cost to the student. The cost of off-campus services is the responsibility of the student.

Students may receive assessment, counseling, and educational services from the Office of Substance Abuse Services, 953-5640, or from off-campus treatment providers.

This policy is not intended to create obligations or restrictions which may interfere with the confidential nature of counseling, clinical, or therapeutic relationships. Confidentiality will be maintained in accordance with state and federal laws.

Violations that occur within our residential system are not only violations of our community standards for students residing in housing but also of our campus community standards and values.

Violations

This policy prohibits:

- The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, attempted purchase, or use of illegal drugs or controlled substances, including prescription medication distribution and use of non-anabolic steroids.
- The possession or sale of drug paraphernalia (such as roach clips, bongs, water pipes, cocaine spoons).
- The distribution or delivery of an imitation (“look alike”) non-controlled substance represented as a controlled substance by college students as set forth in the South Carolina Code of Laws.

The term “controlled substances” when used in this policy shall refer to those drugs and substances whose possession, sale, or delivery results in criminal sanctions under South Carolina law.

As citizens, students have responsibility for knowing of and complying with the provisions of state law referenced above. Any student who violates any of these laws is subject to prosecution and punishment by the civil authorities as well as to disciplinary procedures conducted by the College which may precede criminal or civil proceedings. It is not “double jeopardy” for both the civil authorities and the College to proceed to sanction of a person for the same specified conduct.

Penalties

The College considers any violation of the drug policy to be a serious offense. The College will respond to all reported violations of this policy in accordance with the disciplinary procedures published in the Student Handbook. Residential students will be referred to the Dean of Students office for adjudication. Sanctions imposed may be influenced, in part, by mitigating or aggravating circumstances.

The sanctions imposed by the College for students found responsible for a drug-related violation follow:

**Trafficking and distributing illegal drugs -- Prior to hearing** -- Because the distribution of illegal drugs is a threat and danger to both the health and safety of the community, when there is reason to believe, based on available facts, that the student represents an immediate threat to the safety, health, or welfare of
herself/himself, other persons, or property, the College may immediately suspend alleged offenders prior to a hearing, in accordance with policies as published in the Student Handbook.

**Following the hearing** -- Students found responsible for the illegal distribution of drugs or controlled substances will be expelled in accordance with disciplinary procedures as published in the Student Handbook.

**Possession or use of illegal drugs** -- Students found responsible for the use or possession of illegal drugs, controlled substances, or the distribution of prescription medications will
- Be removed from residence life housing with full payment of the contract due.
- Be placed on disciplinary suspension from the College for a minimum of one semester.
- Have re-admission to the College dependent on successful completion of a pre-approved substance abuse counseling program.

**Possession or sale of drug paraphernalia** -- For students found in violation of the drug paraphernalia sections of this policy, the College’s response will be determined on a case-by-case basis in accordance with disciplinary procedures as published in the Student Handbook or Guide to Residence Living.

**Eligibility for Financial Aid**
Students found in violation of the alcohol and drug laws jeopardize their ability to receive federal financial aid, College of Charleston scholarships and South Carolina Scholarships for which they might otherwise be eligible.

**EMPLOYEE DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY**

**PROHIBITED CONDUCT**

The following policies and rules are consistent with those mandated under the Federal Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988 and the State of South Carolina Substance Abuse Laws.

(1) All employees in the workplace must be capable of performing their duties.

(2) Employees are prohibited from:
- Abusing alcohol or drugs;
- Committing a controlled dangerous substance offense;
- Committing an alcohol driving offense;
- Working under the influence of alcohol;
- Working under the inappropriate influence of prescription drugs or over-the-counter drugs;
- Working under the influence of a controlled dangerous substance.

(3) When the College learns or, based on observation or reliable information, suspects that an employee has committed a controlled dangerous substance or alcohol offense at the workplace, the College shall refer the matter to an appropriate law enforcement authority for further investigation and prosecution.

(4) All employees shall cooperate fully with law enforcement authorities in the investigation and prosecution of suspected criminal violations.

(5) An employee charged with an alcohol driving offense or a controlled dangerous substance offense shall report a finding of guilty, an acceptance of a plea of nolo contendere, or probation before judgment to his or her supervisor within 5 work days.

(6) The supervisor shall report the final conviction of an alcohol driving offense or a controlled dangerous substance offense immediately to the Director of Human Resources. In the event it is determined by the College that an employee convicted of a controlled dangerous substance offense which occurred in the workplace was employed in the performance of a federal contract or grant, the Director of Sponsored Programs shall notify the Sponsoring federal agency within 10 days of receiving notice from the employee or otherwise receiving actual notice thereof.

The College of Charleston as a matter of policy, prohibits the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of "Controlled substances" and "illegal drugs" by students and employees as set forth in South Carolina Code of Laws, Section 44-53-110 et seq; possession or sale of drug
paraphernalia (such as roach clips, bongs, water pipes, cocaine spoons) Section 44-53-110 and Section 44-55-391; the non-prescribed use of anabolic steroids and other prescription drugs Section 44-53-1510 et seq; and the distribution or delivery of an imitation (“look alike”) noncontrolled substance represented as a controlled substance as defined in Section 44-53-390. Schedules I through V in Article 27, part 279 of the Annotated Code of South Carolina.

Alcoholic Beverages on College Premises

The Office of the President controls the use, possession or distribution of alcohol by employees on College premises at College-sponsored activities. This policy prohibits the possession or use of alcohol by any person under the age of 21 or the furnishing of alcohol to a person known to be under the age of 21. Alcoholic beverages otherwise may not be possessed, consumed or distributed by employees at College-sponsored events occurring on College premises unless the sponsor of the event has complied with the above named office and campus guidelines. Guidelines are available from the Office of the President and the Office of Human Resources.

On-campus consumption of distilled spirits is permitted in the following areas: Faculty House, Randolph Hall, President’s House, Blacklock House, Silcox Gym, Stern Center Ballroom, Stern Center Garden, Lightsey Conference Center and Patriot’s Point Athletic Center

Policy on Possession or Use of Common Containers of Alcohol

1. Prohibited Conduct: The College prohibits the possession or use of kegs, punch bowls, and other common containers of alcoholic beverages of a similar nature on College property, except for possession and use resulting from licensed purchases by the ARAMARK Corporation, the College’s Dining Services Provider.

2. Disciplinary Sanctions: The College may take appropriate legal action, including but not limited to issuance of "no access citations" or institution of trespass proceedings against any individual found in violation of this policy. If the individual is a student or an employee of the College, additional administrative penalties may also be taken.

DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS

(1) The first time an employee is convicted of an at-the-workplace alcohol driving offense, or found under the influence of alcohol while at-the-workplace, the employee shall be suspended for 15 days and required to participate in an alcohol treatment program designated by the Employee Assistance Program (“EAP”).

(2) An employee convicted of an off-the-workplace alcohol driving offense:
   a. On the first conviction is referred to the EAP, and in addition, subject to any other appropriate disciplinary actions;
   b. On the second conviction, at a minimum, is suspended for at least 5 days, referred to the EAP, required to participate successfully in a treatment program, and, in addition, subject to any other appropriate disciplinary actions, up to and including termination;
   c. On the third conviction, is terminated.

(3) An employee convicted of any controlled dangerous substance offense shall be terminated.

(4) An employee who tests positive for a controlled dangerous substance as a result of a random drug test shall be suspended for 15 work days and be required to successfully participate in a drug treatment program designated by the EAP.

(5) An employee who abuses a legally prescribed drug or an over-the-counter drug shall, on the first offense:
   a. Be suspended for 5 work days; and
   b. Be required to participate successfully in a drug treatment program designated by the EAP.
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