

## **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES**

As of September 30, 1986, individuals who had not reached the age of 21 may not purchase or consume alcoholic beverages within the District of Columbia. Individuals, who as of September 30, 1986, had reached the age of 18 may purchase and consume beer and light wine within the District of Columbia. Howard University is committed to promoting the health and safety of its entire campus community, including students, faculty and staff. Howard is also committed to maintaining an academic and work environment that is not hampered by the abuse of alcohol, and consequently will enforce University and District of Columbia regulations in this regard. The sale, service, use and consumption of all alcoholic beverages on the Howard University campus must be in compliance with University policies, guidelines and District of Columbia laws.

### **General University Policy**

In compliance with District of Columbia law, persons of legal drinking age are 21.

1. The sale, service or consumption of alcoholic beverages is not permitted in classrooms and/or laboratories.
2. Consumption of alcoholic beverages in the residence halls must be in accordance with the District of Columbia laws pertaining to the purchase and consumption of alcoholic beverages and will not be permitted in the public or common areas of the buildings.
3. Student organizations affiliated with schools and colleges may serve alcoholic beverages at approved on-campus functions conducted within their respective building with the approval of the academic dean of the school or college and the Director of Student Activities. The serving and consumption of alcoholic beverages is restricted to the designated areas within the building where the respective school or college is housed.
4. Student organizations which serve alcoholic beverages at off-campus events are reminded that these events shall not be considered University sponsored or sanctioned, and they are subject to the laws of the District of Columbia or the geographical locations of such events.
5. The privileges afforded students, faculty and staff under these policies and guidelines require them to assume full responsibility for their own conduct as it relates to the need for good judgment, moderation, respect for the rights of others and to the legal regulations of the jurisdictions involved.
6. The employee code of conduct requires the cooperation of all employees in assisting to provide an alcohol free work environment.
7. Non University entities, organizations and individuals using capital university facilities must comply with all Federal, District and University laws, policies and procedures at events where alcoholic beverages are served and consumed.
8. Any student group or employee of the University who is found to be in violation of the laws of the University policies shall be subject to disciplinary action by the University.
9. Howard University prohibits the possession or consumption of any alcoholic

beverages on University property, unless the university has approved the location and conditions for possession or consumption.

10. The only University facility that is licensed for the purchase or sale of alcoholic beverages is the Blackburn Center.
11. Alcoholic beverages purchased in licensed facilities must be consumed within the area designated for that purpose.
12. It will be the responsibility of the Director of Student Activities to ensure that University policies and procedures are observed and enforced.
13. Modification of policy regarding the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages will be under continuous review and desirable changes made on the basis of demonstration by members of the University community of their ability and willingness to assume responsibility for their own conduct and decorum.

### **Specific Guidelines**

On-Campus Approved Events: the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages at approved on-campus events will be subject to the following regulations and guidelines:

1. All activities and events where alcoholic beverages are to be served and consumed, and sponsored by a student organization, must be approved by the Director of Student Activities, in writing.
2. In addition, written approval of the dean of the respective school or college must be secured by student organizations, staff groups and faculty groups before any alcoholic beverages will be permitted in a facility under the jurisdiction of a school or college.
3. All alcoholic beverages must be served by the sponsoring organization and only by an individual of legal drinking age. Except for the Blackburn University Center, absolutely no sale of alcoholic beverages will be permitted in university facilities.
4. Adequate amounts of food and nonalcoholic beverages be made available to persons under 21 years of age.
5. Howard University reserves the right to deny any organization, student faculty, staff and non-university entities, the approval to serve alcoholic beverages when it is deemed to be in the best interest of the University and others concerned. The same right exists with respect to the denial of service.
6. Advertisement of any University event at which alcoholic beverages are served shall mention the availability of nonalcoholic beverages as prominently as alcohol. Alcohol should not be used as an inducement to participate in a campus event. Nor should alcohol be the central theme of an event. All advertisements mentioning or implying the availability of alcohol should also include the phrase "Proof of age required" or "Age ID required."
7. Promotional materials including advertising for any University event shall not make reference to the amount of alcoholic beverages (such as number of beer kegs) available.
8. Appropriate residence hall staff, campus life staff or security personnel service reserve the right to remove advertisement that violates these guidelines.

**Off-Campus Events: Persons sponsoring events off University premises where alcohol will be served are subject to all the laws regulating possession, purchase and**

**consumption of alcoholic beverages by the District of Columbia or other jurisdictions.**

Students or student groups/organizations sponsoring events off University premises must comply with the provisions of this policy; however, these events shall not be considered University sponsored or sanctioned events.

The University recommends that at off-campus events, the consumption of alcoholic beverages should under no circumstances be the primary focus of that event. In addition, adequate food and non alcoholic beverages should be made available where alcoholic beverages may be served.

**Code of the District of Columbia Regarding Alcoholic Beverages 15-121**

(a) License issued thereunder shall not authorize the sale or delivery of beverages, except as permitted in subsections \*(i) and \*(j) of this section, to any person under the age of 21 years, whether for his own use or for the use of any other person; or the sale, service or delivery of beverages to any person who appears to be intoxicated. No licensee shall be liable to any person for damages claimed arising from refusal to sell alcoholic beverages.

\*(i) A licensee under the act may allow a person who has attained 18 years of age before September 30, 1986, to receive and consume beer and light wines.

\*(j) licensee under this act may allow a person who is 18 years or older to sell, serve or deliver any alcoholic beverage on this licensed premises; except that no person under the age of 21 shall be allowed to serve as a bartender. For purposes of this subsection a "bartender" shall mean any person who fixes, mixes, makes or concocts any alcoholic beverages for consumption.

Any minor who falsely represents his or her ages for the purpose of procuring any alcoholic beverage shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor. No person shall, in the District of Columbia, drink any alcoholic beverage or possess in an open container any alcoholic beverage in any street, alley, park or parking area; or in any vehicle in or upon the same. No person in the District of Columbia, whether in or on public or private property, shall be intoxicated and endanger the safety of himself or any other person or property.

**VIOLATIONS**

1. Penalties for violation of these policies by a University employee are set forth in the Employee Handbook for staff and the Faculty Handbook.
2. Violations of these policies by students are punishable under the provisions set forth in the statutes governing the Code of Conduct for Students at Howard University.

**Definitions**

1. Alcoholic Beverages - Any beverage containing at least one-half percent (0.5%) of

- alcohol by volume, including beer, wine, liquor and mixed drinks.
2. Event or Activity - A party, reception or other social gathering held on the University campus.
  3. Legal Age To Drink - 21 years or older.
  4. Approved Event or Activity - Any event or activity that has received written approval to be held on the university campus. Event or activities must be approved and must be held in accordance with provisions of this policy.
  5. Sale - any transfer, trade, exchange or barter, in any manner or by any means, is considered sale under this policy.
  6. Use of Alcoholic Beverages - possession, consumption, sale, distribution, purchase or transfer of alcoholic beverages.

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**SUMMARY OF HOWARD UNIVERSITY POLICY STATEMENT CONCERNING THE USE OF THE POSSESSION FOR SALE., TRANSFER, OR EXCHANGE OF AND MANUFACTURE, TRANSFER, SALE, OR EXCHANGE OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

Among the most serious menacing phenomena facing urban communities in general and Black communities in particular is the spreading use of controlled substances or illegal drugs. Attending this phenomenon are not only the debilitating effects on the human system, but the many unsettled events which are inescapably its by products. Howard University, as an urban institution and a part of the larger District of Columbia community, is not insulated against this problem and its accompanying or precipitating ills and recognizes that an effective response to this menace must be on a community-wide basis.

Proper consideration of this subject must take into account and be addressed to those not yet involved as users or purveyors, those who may be helped through medically related therapy and treatment programs, and those who are engaged in the illegal possession, transfer and/or sale of such items. For the past several years, considerable effort has been directed toward acquainting the university with this subject in the most salient of its aspects. With some exceptions, work in this area has been concerned primarily with the conduct of special educational programs. These efforts, with expansion and increased emphasis will be continued. In addition, the University through the Counseling Service will make a major effort to marshal appropriate resources, on an interdisciplinary basis, to contribute to the campaign currently being waged against this destructive force. Thus, all of these university resources will be concerned with drug prevention/treatment programs and services.

**Non-Medically Prescribed Use of Drugs**

- Howard University does not sanction the use of controlled substances which are not prescribed by authorized health professionals.
- Educational materials and assistance in preventing or combating substance abuse can

be obtained from the University's Counseling Services, Student Health Center, Employee Health Unit and Institute on Drug Abuse and Addiction, and other selected locations throughout the District of Columbia.

- Students with drug problems or concerns are encouraged to seek help from or visit the above-named agencies without fear of punitive consequences such as disciplinary police actions or expulsion from school.

**Possession of Controlled Substance for Sale, Exchange, Transfer, or the Sale, Exchange, Transfer or Manufacture of Controlled Substances**

- The University complies with Federal and local laws which state that it is illegal to possess controlled substances for the purpose of sale, exchange, or transfer. It is also illegal to manufacture controlled substances for the purpose of sale, exchange or transfer.
- Students involved in drug-related illegal conduct will be subject to SUSPENSION, EXPULSION and/or TERMINATION from the University, aside from or in addition to penalties which may flow from court disposition of such matters.
- Persons not formally connected with the University but who nevertheless are involved in illegal drug activity on University premises will be subject to ARREST and PROSECUTION. Involvement with illegal drugs subjects a person to criminal penalties, including felony convictions and oftentimes imprisonment.