
 <b>STUDENT HOUSING SERVICES</b>	<b>Policy No:</b> 013-89-100	<b>Approved on:</b> July 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2012  <b>Cancels:</b> September 2009
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<b>Title:</b> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>STUDENT HOUSING SERVICES ALCOHOL POLICY</b></p>		
<p><b>Preamble:</b> Student Housing Services at the University of Guelph recognizes that the responsible use of alcohol is ultimately the responsibility of the individual. Nevertheless, as a department that is responsible for guiding residents to form a nurturing and respectful community in their respective residence halls, Student Housing Services provides this Policy to encourage appropriate alcohol use in residence and to be proactive in preventing activities and actions detrimental to individuals, our residences and the larger University community. We value an environment that is respectful to all members and must be attuned to changing student demographics when considering policies such as this one in our residence system.</p> <p>The goals of this policy are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ To promote self-responsibility in the use of alcoholic beverages.</li> <li>▪ To promote responsible consumption among students who choose to consume alcohol.</li> <li>▪ To discourage high-risk alcohol-related activities.</li> <li>▪ To support Federal and Provincial laws regarding alcohol consumption.</li> <li>▪ To respect the needs of underage and non-drinking students.</li> <li>▪ To ensure the safety of residents and their guests.</li> </ul>		

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### **1.0 Scope**

The Alcohol Policy applies to all individual students living in residence and highlights the rights and responsibilities of all residents and their guests regarding the responsible use of alcohol. Students are responsible for familiarizing themselves the regulations regarding alcohol in residence, as well as understanding and complying with them. The consumption of alcohol in residence is a privilege and may be revoked and/or addressed by Student Housing Services if abused.

### **2.0 General**

i) Residents and guests must abide by the laws of the land, University Policies, *Liquor License Act of Ontario*, and the *Residence Community Living Standards* at all times. All individuals in residence must respect the choices that others make toward alcohol consumption. All residents have the right to live in a residence environment without fear for their beliefs or the conduct of other students or their guests.

ii) No resident may act as an agent for advertising a licensed off-campus venue during their stay in residence.

iii) Residents are expected to uphold the cleanliness standards of residence and as such are expected to dispose of their empty alcohol containers in a timely fashion.

### **3.0 Prohibited Items**

Student Housing Services has placed restrictions on certain alcohol related items because they have been proven to be a safety hazard for the residence environment (ie. broken glass) or may contribute to high-risk alcohol use or consumption (ie. kegs, funnels).

#### ***3.1 Beer Bottles***

A glass beer bottle is defined as a glass container that contains any alcoholic beverage considered to be “beer”, “lager”, “malt liquor”, “cider beer” or “ale”. Beer bottles have proven to be a safety hazard in residence due to broken glass and consequently glass beer bottles are prohibited in residence.

#### ***3.2 Restricted Alcohol Containers***

Possession of large volume containers is prohibited. A large volume container is defined as a container holding more than 500mL of beer in a single container or more than 750mL/26 ounces of any other type of alcohol, including, but not limited to, wines and spirits.

#### ***3.3 Common Source Containers (ie. shared, used for distributing multiple servings)***

Possession of, or consumption from, “common source” alcohol containers is prohibited (ie. bubbas, kegs of any size and Texas Mickies).

#### ***3.4 Alcohol Drinking Accessories***

Alcohol drinking accessories such as, but not limited to, funnels, brewing equipment and drinking hats are prohibited.

### **4.0 Responsible Consumption of Alcohol**

Student Housing Services supports the responsible consumption of alcohol in residence for those who are of legal age. As a way to support responsible consumption the following practices and policies are followed.

#### ***4.1 Underage Drinking***

Students and guests in residence must abide by all Federal and Provincial legislation as well as all alcohol related University policies. The legal drinking age is 19 years of age.

#### ***4.2 Drinking Activities***

Any activity that has intoxication as its main goal, requires alcohol consumption to participate

or results in the swift and/or high volume consumption of alcohol is prohibited in residence. These activities include, but are not limited to, drinking games, funneling and 'shotgunning'.

#### **4.3 Irresponsible and/or high risk behaviour**

i) Any conduct or behaviour related to alcohol that threatens the safety or well-being of oneself or others is prohibited. A student's drinking behaviour should not negatively impact or alarm a residence community due to high risk or irresponsible alcohol consumption; for example, vomiting, passing out, or any other disruptive behaviour.

ii) Impairment due to the consumption of alcohol is not considered an excuse for unacceptable behaviour and violations of the Residence Community Living Standards.

#### **4.4 Responsible Action Statement**

In cases of severe intoxication and/or alcohol poisoning, Student Housing Services' primary concern is for the health and safety of the individual(s) involved. Students are strongly encouraged to call for emergency medical assistance for themselves or for others whose health and safety is jeopardized from the over consumption of alcohol. Should emergency services be required due to a resident's over consumption of alcohol, SHS will likely follow-up once the medical emergency is over.

#### **4.5 Parties in Residence**

Residents are not permitted to host or advertise (ie. print or social media) a party in residence. A party is defined as any social gathering (spontaneous or planned) over and above the maximum capacity<sup>1</sup> of a residence 'private area' or more than seven individuals in a designated area that meets one or both of the following criteria:

- a) Alcohol is being consumed as one of the primary activities of the gathering;
- b) Music is a major part of the atmosphere and the volume is such that it is too loud to be defined as "background music."

A gathering with no alcohol, no elevated noise level and no impact to other residents (i.e. a study group) will not likely be addressed by Residence Life Staff. Since the above definition can be vague under certain circumstances, defining a gathering as a party is ultimately at the discretion of the Residence Life Staff.

## **5.0 Open Alcohol (ie. Public/Private Areas)**

Student Housing Services must ensure that residents abide by all Federal, Provincial and Municipal legislation which stipulate that alcohol may not be open or consumed in public areas.

### **5.1 Public Areas**

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<sup>1</sup> For the maximum capacities of residence room please see the SHS Guest Policy.

Consumption of alcohol is prohibited in public areas. Public areas include, but are not limited to, all lounge areas, stairwells, hallways, foyers, lobbies, laundry rooms, study rooms, public washrooms, music rooms, storage rooms, elevators, desk areas, South street level, South alcoves, East street level and the public outdoor grounds of the University.

### **5.2 Private Areas**

Students of legal age may consume alcohol in private areas. Student rooms, including all bedrooms, suite common spaces in East Residence and townhouse living areas in the East Townhouse Village are considered private areas.

### **5.3 Other Designated Areas**

Alcohol may not be served or consumed in public places without a license or special occasion permit. Any approved special occasion events must be approved and adhere to the Residence Organized Functions Policy and the University of Guelph Alcohol Beverages Policy. Other designated areas include, the Eccles Centre, games rooms, building wide lounges and kitchens.

## **6.0 Transportation of Alcohol**

If residents wish to transport alcohol through public areas to an area where the consumption of alcohol is permitted, alcohol must be transported in a closed (original or sealed) container. Residents must proceed without delay through public areas.

## **7.0 Restricted Use**

### **7.1 Orientation Week**

Residence is dry and alcohol free starting residence move in day to the first Monday of class. Students are not permitted to bring or drink alcohol in residence or be under the influence of alcohol, regardless of age during this time.

### **7.2 Alcohol Probationary Status**

Students who are of legal age may be placed on Alcohol Probation as a result of behavior that negatively impacts themselves or others. Should a student be placed on Alcohol Probation they are prohibited from consuming and/or possessing alcohol in residence and/or returning to residence if intoxicated or under the influence of alcohol.

### **7.3 Supplying Alcohol to Intoxicated Person(s)**

No student will knowingly supply alcohol to a person in, or possibly in, an intoxicated condition.

## 8.0 Infractions of Alcohol Policy

### 8.1 Response to Infractions

i) Campus Community Police have a strong and welcomed presence within the residence communities. Residents and guests who are in breach of the laws of the land within a residence area (ie. Open Alcohol, Underage Drinking or Public Intoxication) are at risk of being charged through the Liquor License Act and/or breach of University of Guelph policies. Visitors may also be charged under the Trespass to Property Act.

ii) Student Housing Services may address infractions of the Alcohol Policy under Residence Community Living Standards.

### 8.2 Confiscation of Alcohol

Any alcohol or drinking accessory which is found during an investigation of an alleged violation of the Residence Community Living Standards is subject to the Confiscation of Property policy, as outlined by Student Housing Services. Any confiscated alcohol or drinking accessory will be disposed of and/or destroyed by a designated Student Housing Services staff member.

## 9.0 Quick Reference

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Beer Bottles	Beer Bottles are not permitted in residence.
Drinking Activities	Activities such as funnelling, 'shotgunning', flip cup, quarters and beer pong are not permitted.
Parties in Residence	Residents are not permitted to host or advertise (ie. print or social media) an organized or spontaneous party in residence.
Open Alcohol	Students who are of legal age may consume alcohol in private areas (ie. Individual rooms, suites, townhouse).  Alcohol consumption is not permitted in a public space (ie. Hallways, lobbies, public washrooms, lounges etc..)

Restricted Alcohol Containers	Containers holding more than 500mL of beer or 750mL/26 ounces of any other type of alcohol are prohibited in residence. This includes but is not limited to 40oz bottles of liquor, bubbas, kegs or Texas Mickies.
Transportation of Alcohol	Alcohol must be in a sealed or closed container to transport through a public area to a private area.
Underage Drinking	Residents and guests must be of legal drinking age to consume alcohol within a residence building or area.
Alcohol Drinking Accessories	Alcohol drinking accessories such as, but not limited to, funnels, brewing equipment and drinking hats are prohibited.
Alcohol During Orientation Week	Residence is dry and alcohol free throughout Orientation Week (Residence Move In day to the first Monday of classes). Students are not permitted to bring or drink alcohol in residence or be under the influence of alcohol during this time.
Confiscation of Alcohol	Alcohol may be confiscated by Residence Life Staff and will be disposed of or destroyed and therefore not returned to residents.
Special Occasion Events	Alcohol may not be served or consumed in public places without a license or special occasion permit in a residence. Any approved special occasion events must adhere to the Student Housing Services <u>Organized Functions Policy</u> and the <u>University of Guelph Alcohol Beverages Policy</u> .

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