
 STUDENT HOUSING SERVICES	Policy No: 013-89-4.0	Approved: September 7 th , 2012 Cancels: March 2008
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Title: ILLEGAL DRUG & SUBSTANCES POLICY		
Preamble: Student Housing Services at the University of Guelph recognizes that abiding by federal statutes pertaining to illegal drugs/drug substances is ultimately the responsibility of the individual. As a department that is responsible for guiding residents to form a nurturing and respectful community, Student Housing Services created this Policy to encourage awareness for the laws of the land surrounding illegal drugs and controlled substances in an effort to be proactive in preventing actions detrimental to the residents and the larger university community. The goals of this policy are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ To promote lawful self-responsibility pertaining to the illegal use of drugs and controlled substances in residence.▪ To discourage high-risk drug-related practices.▪ To support federal laws regarding illegal drug substances.▪ To ensure the safety of residents and their guests.▪ To ensure community and individual wellness in residence.		

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1.0 Scope

The Illegal Drugs and Substance Policy applies to all individual students living in residence and highlights the rights and responsibilities of all residents and their guests regarding use, possession, consuming and trafficking of illegal drugs and/or substances. Students are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the laws of the land, specifically the Controlled Drugs & Substance Act, University Policies and the *Residence Community Living Standards*.

2.0 Definitions

2.1 Illegal Drugs

Illegal drugs are defined as any drug/substances that has been deemed illegal in any quantity by the federal laws of the land. These drugs include but are not limited to marijuana, ecstasy, cocaine, LSD, MDMA, magic mushrooms, etc. For greater clarification please refer to the Controlled Drugs & Substance Act.

1.2 Controlled Substances

For the purpose of this policy a controlled substance is defined as any drug or chemical whose use is regulated by the government such as prescription medications. For greater clarification please refer to the Controlled Drugs & Substance Act.

1.3 Substance Abuse

Substance abuse is defined as the misuse of a substance or the use of a substance to an extent deemed detrimental to the user, to others, or to the community at large. For the purpose of this policy, a substance may also include inhalants and other non-prescription drugs.

1.4 Trafficking

Trafficking is defined as the transportation, delivery, distribution, manufacturing, selling, soliciting, giving, or exchange of any illegal drugs or controlled substances.

1.5 Possession

Drug possession is defined as being the intentional owner of illegal drugs or controlled substances, whether on your person or within your control, for example, keeping substances in your clothing or your residence room.

1.6 Use

Use is defined as consuming, injecting, absorbing, and/or inhaling any illegal drugs or controlled substances.

3.0 General Policy Statement

Students are prohibited from possessing, consuming or trafficking drugs in residence which are in contravention of the Controlled Drugs and Substance Act. Possession of drugs in quantities that are deemed to be significant (ie. not for personal use, 10 grams or more of marijuana) or unexplainable by medical documentation are strictly prohibited. Circumstances that lead to drug suspicion will prompt an investigation from the Residence Life Staff or Campus Community Police.

4.0 Standard of Proof

Residents are reminded that the Standard of Proof required by Student Housing Services is the balance of probabilities as outlined in the Residence Community Living Standards. The standard of proof has been met, if, at the conclusion of a student conduct meeting, based on all credible information Student Housing Services' personnel involved believe that the incident reported probably occurred (i.e. the information shows it is more likely than not, to have occurred).

Within the context of the Illegal Drug and Substances Policy, the standard of proof may be met if one or more of the following are present in residence rooms, common areas or the grounds surrounding residence facilities:

- I. evidence of drug residue,
- II. the smell of a prohibited substance on your person or in an area,
- III. items used in an attempt to remove or mask the smell,
- IV. drug paraphernalia,
- V. delayed response in opening your door.

5.0 Suspicion

For the purpose of this policy, drug suspicion will be defined as specific and direct observations regarding the physical surroundings or the behaviour, speech or odour of an individual or the surroundings.

6.0 Paraphernalia

Student Housing Services reserves the right to confiscate and destroy drug/substance related paraphernalia. Campus Community Police will be called to confiscate any drug paraphernalia where drug/substance residue is present. Drug paraphernalia is defined as equipment or materials that are used to produce, conceal and consume illegal drugs or substances. Examples of drug paraphernalia include bongs, pipes, scales, and roach clips.

7.0 Substance Abuse

Excessive use or reliance on controlled substances, illegal drugs, non-prescription substances and/or inhalants can create difficult social and behavioural issues that compromise residence life. Student Housing Services strives to support students and the rights of all residents as outlined in the Residence Community Living Standards. Residents showing signs of substance abuse or those seeking assistance will be referred to campus and community partners. This does not exempt individuals from facing disciplinary outcomes.

8.0 Infractions of Illegal Drug & Substances Policy

8.1 Confiscation

As per Student Housing Service Confiscation Policy prohibited items, such as illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia where residue is present will be confiscated and destroyed by Campus Community Police. Drug paraphernalia where no illegal drug/substance residue is present will be confiscated and destroyed by Student Housing Services. Confiscated items will not be returned to individuals.

8.2 Duty to Report

The Residence Life Staff, at their discretion, are empowered by Student Housing Services to call the Campus Community Police for any drug related incidents. Infractions of a significant nature as deemed by Campus Community Police or Student Housing Services will be reported to the city of Guelph Police.

8.3 Response to infractions.

- i) Campus Community Police have a strong and welcomed presence within the residence communities. Residents and guests of residents who are in breach of the laws of the land within the jurisdiction of residence are at risk of being charged criminally through the Controlled Drugs & Substance Act and/or breach of University of Guelph polices which may lead to a charged though the University Judicial Committee.

- ii) Student Housing Services may address infractions of the Illegal Drugs & Substances Policy under the Residence Community Living Standards. Possession of drugs in quantities that are deemed to be significant (ie. not for personal use, 10grams or more of marijuana) or unexplainable by medication documentation are strictly prohibited and may lead to eviction from residence (at minimum).

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