

1 Alcohol Use - Students and Student Organizations

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4 Introduction

5 Iowa State University is committed to maintaining an environment conducive to healthy lifestyles, including the
6 academic and personal development of all members of the university community. Members of the university
7 community are accountable for their own actions and are expected to make responsible, lawful decisions
8 regarding the use of alcohol. Iowa State University encourages students to hold substance free events and
9 programs.

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11 This policy applies to all students and student organizations affiliated with or recognized by the university. See
12 also the "Alcohol, Drugs and Other Intoxicants" policy which pertains to all university employees, students, and
13 visitors.

14 Policy Statement

15 Alcohol may be used only in ways that neither harm nor degrade the individual or the university community.
16 The university community must encourage responsible behavior for those individuals who consume alcohol and
17 respect the rights of individuals who choose not to consume alcohol. Consistent with these rights, the institution
18 will encourage responsible decision-making regarding the consumption of alcoholic beverages.

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20 The university recognizes that some individuals have difficulty with alcohol because they are chemically
21 dependent. Although the institution has an interest in helping those individuals, it neither ensures the safety of
22 nor protects those individuals from the consequences of their acts or violation of this policy or any other rule or
23 regulation.

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25 In order for the university to be consistent and fair in the implementation of this policy, all organizations
26 affiliated with or recognized by the university must observe the following policies with regard to the possession,
27 consumption, distribution, and promotion of alcohol on university property.

28 Time, Place, and Conditions

29 The university has the authority to determine the time, place, and conditions under which alcoholic beverages
30 are consumed on university property. Persons under the legal drinking age may not consume or have alcoholic
31 beverages in their possession. The university will clearly designate all locations where alcoholic beverages may
32 be served. Unless specifically allowed by state permit or university policy, the consumption of alcoholic
33 beverages is not permitted within university buildings, within university vehicles, or on other university
34 property.

35 Safety

36 Drinking activities that are potentially dangerous, such as "chugging" of alcoholic beverages, competitive
37 drinking activities, and activities that employ peer pressure to force participants to consume alcohol, are
38 prohibited. Alcohol is not to be used as an award or prize.

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40 **Supervision and Compliance**

41 When alcoholic beverages are served at a social function, the sponsoring organization shall provide adequate
42 supervision at the event and comply with all the applicable laws, ordinances, and rules governing the
43 distribution, possession, and consumption of alcoholic beverages.

- 44 • Individuals sponsoring the event must implement precautionary measures to ensure that alcoholic
45 beverages are not accessible or served to persons under the legal drinking age or to persons who appear
46 intoxicated.
- 47 • Nonalcoholic beverages and food are to be provided whenever alcohol is served. They must be
48 displayed as prominently as the alcohol. They must also be available in appropriate quantities depending
49 upon the number of people in attendance.
- 50 • The quantity of alcohol available at an activity is to be based upon the number of people of legal
51 drinking age expected to attend and the duration of the activity.
- 52 • Advertising for events that specify or emphasize the quantity of alcohol to be served is prohibited.
53 Nonalcoholic beverages are to be advertised as prominently as alcohol.
- 54 • All individuals or registered groups must comply with the laws of the State of Iowa, the ordinances of
55 the City of Ames, and the policies of Iowa State University. It is the duty and responsibility of the
56 sponsoring organization(s) or individual(s) to provide adequate supervision and to comply with all
57 applicable laws and university regulations including the activity authorization process.
- 58 • Cash bars are subject to restrictions. See the "Alcohol, Drugs and Other Intoxicants" policy.

59 **Residences**

60 To the extent possible and reasonable, the institution will respect a student's privacy within his/her university
61 housing room. Possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages is permitted in university housing according
62 to the policies established by the Department of Residence and only for those persons having attained drinking
63 age as stipulated in the laws of the State of Iowa.

64 **Resources**

- 65 • [Alcohol, Drugs, and Other Intoxicants](#)
- 66 • [City of Ames Municipal Code](#)
- 67 • [Department of Residence Terms and Conditions, Policy Handbooks](#)
- 68 • [Iowa Administrative Code, see §681-13.17\(2\)](#)
- 69 • [Iowa Code, Title IV, Subtitle 1, Chapter 123: Alcoholic Beverage Control](#)
- 70 • [Office of the Senior Vice President for Business and Finance](#)
- 71 • [Student Disciplinary Regulations / Code of Conduct](#)
- 72 • [Substance Abuse and Violence Prevention](#)