

## **RUTGERS-NEWARK POLICY ON THE USE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

### **General Statement**

Rutgers University-Newark recognizes that the abuse of alcohol among college aged young adults is a national problem. In an effort to address this, Rutgers University-Newark has developed a comprehensive Alcohol Assistance Program aimed at prevention and intervention for those with alcohol related problems and includes a wide array of clinical services, recovery housing, and alcohol education and training. Rutgers University-Newark has also established procedures and policies which govern the use of alcohol for University sponsored events which take place both on and off the Newark campus.

The sale, service, possession, and consumption of alcoholic beverages on the Rutgers University-Newark campus is regulated by federal and state laws and by local ordinances. The University does not have the authority to alter the laws or secure exemption from them. Members of the University are individually responsible for determining how applicable laws, regulations and ordinances apply to them, and for obeying them. The University expects its members to demonstrate respect and regard for the rights, property and persons of all individuals; to take responsibility for their own actions; and to act to reduce risks of damage and harm.

### **I Undergraduate Alcohol Policy**

The use of alcoholic beverages at undergraduate sponsored or co-sponsored events is prohibited at any University sanctioned event on or off the Rutgers-Newark Campus. Undergraduate student activity funds and admission fees may NOT be used to purchase alcoholic beverages in connection with any Rutgers University-Newark sponsored activity.

**A. Residence Halls** Use of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in Woodward Hall, the undergraduate residence hall, regardless of age. Alcohol is permitted for students of age in the other residence halls. All students who reside in any Rutgers-Newark residence halls will be held accountable to the Residence Life Code of Conduct as stated in all Housing & Residence Life housing contracts.

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### **II Graduate Alcohol Policy**

The use of alcoholic beverages at graduate student, faculty and staff social functions on the Rutgers University- Newark campus is allowable only to the extent that the serving of alcohol is restricted to those of legal drinking age as defined by pertinent New Jersey Statutes. Such functions must be restricted to areas designated by the Deans and/or Provosts. In all cases, State laws governing the dispensing of alcoholic beverages must be observed.

Graduate Student activity funds and admission fees may be used to purchase alcoholic beverages in connection with a Rutgers University-Newark campus sponsored event . The use of student fee money for the purchase of alcoholic beverages must have the approval of the appropriate Dean of Students and appropriate student fee board. In those units, which have no Dean of Students, the approval of the Dean of the College is required.

Departmentally-allocated funds may not be used for the purpose of purchasing alcoholic beverages destined for personal consumption.

**A. Policy Guidelines for Graduate Students, Faculty**

Newark campus community members must be sensitive to the fact that many students cannot or choose not to drink because of the provisions of law or other reasons. Event organizers should make appropriate accommodations for such students.

Newark campus community members must also observe the following practices when alcoholic beverages are served:

- (1) Provide an equal quantity of non-alcoholic beverages in the same location in an equally attractive variety. Such a determination will be at the discretion of Dean of Student Services for each academic college or by a representative from the Office of the Vice Provost for Student Affairs. Provide food in sufficient quantity for the number of persons present. It is expected that the food is not limited to snacks but includes sandwiches, pizza or other main dishes. It is suggested that at a minimum, twenty-five percent of the budget for an event is allocated for the purchase of food.
- (2) In any advertisement, note the availability of non-alcoholic beverages and food.
- (3) Provide supervision by persons who have a demonstrable awareness of the regulations and the techniques to reduce risk and have been so trained by a nationally certified educational/training program. In any group where alcoholic beverages are served, it is expected that at least one person, who has been certified, will be responsible for insuring adherence to all above guidelines and successful compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- (4) All Newark-campus events with alcohol MUST have someone who has completed a nationally recognized server training program or the organization may secure an outside vendor with a license to serve alcohol.
- (5) Discontinue the sale or service of alcohol at least one hour before the anticipated end of the event.

**Sanctions and Enforcements**

Individuals and/or organizations that fail to abide by University policy and regulations governing the use of alcoholic beverages shall be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with established procedures at college and university levels. Residence Life has established sanctions if students violate the alcohol policy. Sanctions include but are not limited to mandatory referrals for alcohol evaluation and assessment, community service or repeated violations may result in removal from housing. The University student code of conduct describes violations and sanctions in detail.

Organizations may be subject to various disciplinary actions such as the forfeiture of student fee support and the revoking of their charter. Sanctions may be imposed on individual members of organizations if University regulations are violated.

University officials, charged with the responsibility to monitor and enforce these regulations, may terminate an event if there is a violation of state and municipal laws or the University alcohol policy.

Disorderly persons will be barred and evicted from University facilities in accordance with the normal operating procedures of the University Police.