

DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

In order for McKendree University to be in compliance with Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act and Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) Part 86, the Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Regulations, McKendree University is required to notify the campus community of the following: policies related to drugs and alcohol, sanctions for violating these policies, and resources available for education and assistance. Additional information regarding student policies and procedures may be found in the Student Handbook available on-line. If you have any questions related to this notification, you may contact the Office of Student Affairs at (618) 537-6855.

NARCOTICS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS

No person shall possess, use or have under his/her control narcotics, dangerous drugs, synthetic drugs, or any controlled substance without prescription including, but not limited to, marijuana*, methamphetamines, barbiturates, cocaine, or hallucinogens in any building or on any property owned or controlled by the University. Additionally, any person suspected of selling controlled substances and/or dangerous drugs as described above will be immediately reported to Campus Security for investigation and may be subsequently subject to civil prosecution as well as University judicial action under the provisions of this document. The University may hold persons responsible for their behavior at all times.

** The Illinois Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act (CRTA), authorizing individuals over the age of 21 to recreationally use marijuana in the state of Illinois, does not change this prohibition or authorize a student to use marijuana on university owned or operated property. Federal law, including the Drug-Free Workplace Act and the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act, continues to prohibit marijuana. Thus marijuana use, possession, production, manufacture, sale, possession with intent to sell, trafficking, or distribution, even if in compliance with CRTA, is prohibited on campus.*

POSSESSION OR USE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

No person shall possess or consume any alcoholic beverage on University property. University property is defined as all property owned, supervised by, or controlled by McKendree University. Possession is defined as holding an alcoholic beverage, having it near you (on a table, etc.), or having it stored in your living area or vehicle. You are also presumed to be in violation of this regulation if you are present and aware that alcohol is being consumed and/or stored in this space. Exceptions to this policy must be approved by the President.

LEGAL SANCTIONS

This information is provided as a general summary of the major federal, state, and local laws on alcohol and illicit drugs. Laws frequently change and applications of law to specific situations require legal counsel.

STATE SANCTIONS

State of Illinois statutes and sanctions on alcohol and/or illicit drugs include: driving under the influence of alcohol and/or other drugs (625 ILCS 5/11-501); driving while in violation of the underage consumption of alcohol (625 ILCS 5/11-501.8); transporting or possessing alcohol in a motor vehicle (625 ILCS 5/11-502); selling or possessing alcohol by persons under the age of 21, permitting a gathering where alcohol is consumed by those under the age of 21, selling or giving a false ID to a person under the age of 21 (235 ILCS 5/6-16); misrepresenting one's age to be over the age of 21 for the purpose of obtaining alcohol (235 ILCS 5/10-11); and possessing and delivering illicit drugs (740 ILCS 40/0.01 et seq., 720 ILCS 570/100 et seq., 720 ILCS 550/1 et seq. and 720 ILCS 570/401 seq.). Violations of these laws involving alcohol may include one or more of the following penalties: fines up to \$2,500, one year in jail, felony charges, and suspension or revocation of driver's license. Violations of these laws involving drugs as a first-offense may include fines up to \$25,000 and one- to three-year imprisonment. Repeat offenders and those individuals participating in the manufacture and distribution of controlled substances may be subjected to longer prison terms and fined up to \$500,000. See the Illinois Compiled Statutes for more information: <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs.asp>.

SYNTHETIC DRUGS

Potentially deadly drugs marketed as Bath Salts, Synthetic Marijuana, K2, Spice, K3, K4 White Widow, and other names are illegal in Illinois as of January 1, 2012. Individuals face felony charges for possession or sale of the drug. Individuals in possession of the drug face three years in prison and \$25,000 in fines.

FEDERAL SANCTIONS

Federal law penalizes the manufacture, distribution, possession with intent to manufacture or distribute, and simple possession of drugs ("controlled substances"). A first conviction may include up to one-year imprisonment, a fine of at least \$1,000, or both. After one prior drug conviction: at least fifteen days in prison, not to exceed two years, and a fine of at least \$2,500. After two or more prior drug convictions: at least ninety days in prison, not to exceed three years, and a fine of at least \$5,000. A special, harsher sentencing provision applies for possession of crack cocaine (21 U.S.C. §844(a)). If personal or real property was used to possess or facilitate possession of the controlled substance, that personal and real property as well as vehicles, boats, aircraft, or any other conveyance used to transport or conceal a controlled substance may be forfeited (21 U.S.C. §§853(a) & 881(a)). Student loans, grants, contracts, and professional and commercial licenses, up to one year for the first offense and up to five years for second and subsequent offenses may be denied (21 U.S.C. §§853(a) & 881(a)). Firearms may not be received or purchased (18 U.S.C. §922(g)). Certain federal licenses and benefits (e.g., pilot licenses, public housing tenancy) are vested within the authorities of individual federal agencies. These penalties may be doubled, however, when a person at least eighteen years old: (1) distributes a controlled substance to a person under twenty-one years of age (a term of imprisonment for this offense shall not be less than one year), and/or (2) distributes, possesses with intent to distribute, or manufactures a controlled substance in or on, or within one thousand feet of, the real property comprising a public or private elementary or secondary school, or a public or private college (21 U.S.C. §§859 & 860). See the United States Code for more information:

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/uscode/index.html>.

LOCAL SANCTIONS

There are no local sanctions in addition to the state and federal sanctions listed above.

HEALTH RISKS

Under no circumstances does McKendree University condone drug abuse, underage drinking, alcohol abuse, or alcohol on campus. All students will be subject to federal, state and local laws as well as appropriate disciplinary action as described in the McKendree University Student Handbook. The following is a list of examples of drugs of abuse and their health risks. This is not to be considered a complete list, but serves as an example. This list can change at the discretion of the University.

1. Narcotics
Heroin, Morphine, Hydrocodone
 - Effects: Euphoria, drowsiness, respiratory depression, constricted pupils, nausea
 - Effects of Overdose: Slow and shallow breathing, clammy skin, convulsions, coma, possible death
2. Depressants
GHB, Liquid Ecstasy, Valium, Xanax, Halcion, Ativan
 - Effects: Slurred speech, disorientation, drunken behavior without odor of alcohol
 - Effects of Overdose: Shallow respirations, clammy skin, dilated pupils, weak and rapid pulse, coma, possible death
3. Stimulants
Cocaine, Amphetamine/Methamphetamine
 - Effects: Increased alertness, excitation, euphoria, increased pulse and blood pressure, insomnia, loss of appetite
 - Effects of Overdose: Agitation, increased body temperature, hallucinations, possible death
4. Hallucinogens
Analogs, LSD, PCP, Angel Dust
 - Effects: Heightened senses, teeth grinding and dehydration, illusions and hallucinations
 - Effects of Overdose: Increased body temperature, electrolyte imbalance, possible cardiac arrest
5. Cannabis
Marijuana, Tetrahydrocannabinol, Hashish
 - Effects: Euphoria, relaxed inhibitions, increased appetite, disorientation
 - Effects of Overdose: Fatigue, paranoia, possible psychosis
6. Anabolic Steroids
Testosterone
 - Effects: Virilization, edema, testicular atrophy, gynecomastia, acne, aggressive behavior
 - Effects of Overdose: Unknown

7. Synthetic Drugs

Bath Salts, Synthetic Marijuana, K2, Spice, K3, K4 White Widow, and other names

- Effects: LSD-like hallucinations, elevated blood pressure and heart rate
- Effects of Overdose: Possible death

8. Inhalants

Amyl and Butyl Nitrate (pearls, poppers, rush, locker room)

- Effects: Flushing, hypotension, headache
- Effects of Overdose: Vomiting, respiratory depression, loss of conscious, possible death

9. Alcohol

Beer, wine, liquor

- Effects: Lowers inhibitions and brain functioning, judgment impaired, poor concentration, impaired coordination, increased heart rate
- Effects of Overdose: Vomiting, unconsciousness, cold, clammy, pale or bluish skin, slow or irregular breathing, mental confusion, seizures, permanent brain damage, or death

DRUG AND ALCOHOL PROGRAMS

In addition to providing various educational programs regarding alcohol and drug use throughout the course of the year, students may also get information regarding potential issues related to alcohol and/or drugs by contacting Health Services or Counseling Services at (618) 537-6503 or the Office of Student Affairs at (618) 537-6855.

CONDUCT SANCTIONS

Violation of the above policies may result in Disciplinary Probation to Expulsion. In addition to sanctions imposed by the University, members of the McKendree community may face prosecution by civil authorities for violating the alcohol and drug policies.