

Mount St. Mary's University

Office of Residence Life

Alcohol Policy and Sanctions

Mount St. Mary's University Office of Residence Life strives to graduate men and women who commit themselves to be responsible citizens capable of contributing to their communities. Students are responsible for knowing and following the Code of Student Conduct and Community Standards of Residence Life. The following are excerpts from these documents describing Mount St. Mary's alcohol policy:

Mount St. Mary's and the Office of Residence Life recognize the need to enforce federal, state, and local laws regarding alcohol use. This means treating students who are allowed to possess or consume alcohol as people who should make responsible decisions about its use. It also means that we will hold all Mount students accountable should it be found they broke the law, disturbed the residential community, or posed a danger to themselves or others.

Code of Student Conduct regulations prohibit:

- Unauthorized or illegal use of any alcoholic beverages;
- Aiding or abetting an underage person in the purchase of alcoholic beverages;
- Disorderly conduct due all or in part to being under the influence of alcohol;
- Providing alcohol to underage persons;
- Open containers
- Possession, use or distribution of alcohol by underage persons;
- Intoxication due to alcohol that disturbs the residential community, or poses a danger to themselves or others

For more information about Mount St. Mary's rules regarding alcohol, consult Rule 5 of the Code of Student Conduct at <http://www.msmary.edu/studentconduct>.

Residence Life Regulations Regarding Alcohol:

- Residents who are not yet 21 may not host in their room or apartment anyone, regardless of age or relationship, who is possessing, consuming, selling, or serving alcohol.
- Kegs and other multi-quart containers are not permitted in or around any residential facility.
- Brewing and/or distilling alcohol is not permitted in or around any residential facility.
- Bars or bar-like structures (defined as a structure used to hold alcohol, mix drinks, and or serve drinks) are prohibited in the residence halls or apartments.
- Underage students are prohibited from displaying alcohol bottles (empty or filled).
- Paraphernalia related to excessive drinking is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to beer bong, funnels, and beer pong tables.
- Guests to campus are prohibited from providing or transporting any alcohol to campus.

Detailed alcohol policy as found in the Code of Student Conduct:

Alcohol Policy

Students are subject to all applicable local, State and Federal laws regarding alcohol and other drugs, and are not exempt from enforcement of these laws by virtue of their status as students or their presence on University property. This policy is not intended to be, and is not, a comprehensive statement of applicable laws. This rule prohibits, but is not limited to, the following:

- a) possessing or consuming alcoholic beverages while under the age of 21;
- b) providing alcoholic beverages to other persons under the age of 21;
- c) misrepresenting one's age or that of another person in order to obtain alcoholic beverages-whether for yourself or others;
- d) possessing and/or consuming from a common source of alcohol (kegs, punch bowls);
- e) participating in or being in the presence of activities (e.g. drinking games including but not limited to beer pong, water pong, flip cup, kings cup, spades, quarters) that promote and encourage the consumption of alcohol; regardless of the age of the participants
- f) intoxication; defined as behaviors which exhibit impairment due to consumption of alcohol or other drugs.
- g) the possession of alcohol in excess of one 30 pack of beer (or an equivalent amount of liquor) per legal aged student is prohibited and will be confiscated;
- h) possession of liquor in excess of 100 proof or possession of beer/malt beverages in excess of 9% alcohol by volume on campus or in any University owned or operated facility or property;
- i) possession of open containers of alcohol on campus anywhere on campus with the exception of within a legal-aged student's private residence, or at a specified University-sponsored event. An opened container of alcohol is defined as any can or bottle where the seal has been broken or any secondary container that contains alcohol (whether covered or not).
- j) possessing or consuming, regardless of a person's age, caffeinated alcoholic drinks (including but not limited to Four Loko, Sparks, Joose, Spykes, 24/7, 3Sum, Tilt, and Torque).

Fall 2009 Sanctions for Alcohol Policy Violations

The student's judicial history and previous record are taken into account when determining the right educational plan for that student. The following chart represents likely sanctions and conditions students will receive as a result of violating the University alcohol policy.

First Violation	Second Violation (while on probation)	Third Violation (while on probation)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disciplinary probation for 6 months; • \$150 educational fee; • Alcohol EDU online education; • Parental notification. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disciplinary probation for 1 year; • \$250 educational fee; combination of assessment fee and Alcohol Inner-view* • Community Restitution – 20 hours; • Parental notification and warning of third offense outcome; • Possible revocation of residential student privileges (weekend suspension or visitation restrictions); • Possible removal from University Housing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suspension from the University for a minimum of 1 semester and/or 100% reduction in institutional scholarship support; • Parental notification; • Successful completion of off campus substance abuse treatment program.