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#### Drugs and Drug Paraphernalia

Duke University prohibits members of its community, both individuals and groups, from manufacturing, selling, delivering, possessing, using, or being under the influence of a controlled substance without legal authorization. A controlled substance includes any drug, substance or immediate precursor covered under the North Carolina Controlled Substances Act, including but not limited to opiates, barbiturates, amphetamines, marijuana, and hallucinogens.

The possession of drug paraphernalia is also prohibited under North Carolina state law and university policy. Drug paraphernalia includes all equipment, products and material of any kind that are used to facilitate, or intended or designed to facilitate, violations of the North Carolina Controlled Substances Act.

In addition to disciplinary action, the conduct officer, or designee, may require a student to take a leave of absence, and return to campus may be conditional upon proof of completion of a substance abuse treatment program.

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#### Smoking

Duke University seeks to preserve a living and working environment supportive of behaviors that contribute to the physical health and well-being of all community members. Smoking any substance is not permitted in any university building, including residence halls and apartments. Examples of prohibited smoking devices include, but are not limited to, cigarettes, e-cigarettes, and vaporizers.

Smoking is neither permitted within 10 feet of residential buildings, academic buildings, and dining facilities nor anywhere on the campus of the Medical Center. Smoking is prohibited in specifically designated outdoor areas as determined by the manager of those spaces (e.g., Bryan Center Plaza).

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#### Alcohol Policy

##### University-Wide Policy

As a community of scholars and learners, Duke University expects those within its community to be responsible with the use of alcohol. This policy shall guide the role of alcohol everywhere on the Duke campus and at all events sponsored by Duke organizations, schools, or administrative units. Students, staff, and faculty members are encouraged to learn about the social, physiological, and psychological consequences of drinking and alcohol abuse. Excessive and high-risk drinking can lead to negative consequences for the Duke community, including assault, illness, injury, litter, noise, property damage, and driving under the influence. All members of the Duke community share responsibility for creating an environment that limits dangerous drinking behaviors and, therefore, reduces the likelihood of these negative outcomes.

The following shall guide the role of alcohol in the Duke community:

- All possession, consumption, and distribution of alcohol at Duke University shall be in accordance with applicable North Carolina state laws.
- Members of the Duke community are responsible for behaving in a manner that is not disruptive or endangering to themselves or others. Being under the influence of alcohol shall not be a mitigating factor for an individual's behavior.
- When persons under 21 years of age can reasonably be expected to be present at an event, proper precautions must be taken to restrict distribution and consumption of alcohol to persons of legal drinking age. Student organizations shall also adhere to the specific guidelines for events outlined in [The Duke Community Standard in Practice: A Guide for Undergraduates](#) (for organizations that cater primarily to undergraduates) or the [Graduate and Professional Student Alcohol Policy](#) (for student organizations that cater primarily to graduate/professional students).
- Advertising or other communication that references the availability of alcohol at a function may neither promote alcohol as the focus of the event nor promote excessive drinking.
- Each community (e.g., Undergraduate, Fuqua, Law) may establish additional guidelines and policies governing the possession, consumption, and distribution of alcohol that reach beyond these minimal expectations. Violations of policies shall be adjudicated using existing procedures within each segment of the university.