



## Alcohol FAQ for Parents and Family Members

### **Q: What exactly is the policy regarding alcohol here at UF and in Gainesville?**

A: With regards to the city of Gainesville, there are several state laws and local ordinances that prohibit public intoxication, open containers in public, Driving Under the Influence (DUI) and Driving While Intoxicated (DWI). State and federal law prohibits anyone under 21 years of age to consume, purchase, or possess alcohol, which is the same law followed on UF's campus. In regards to DUI/DWI, the legal limit is 0.08 blood alcohol concentration (BAC) for 21 and up and 0.02 for anyone under 21.

### **Q: What kind of education is provided to students?**

A: The University of Florida implements a comprehensive approach in addressing high-risk and underage drinking. This comprehensive approach is comprised of many different facets including continuous presentations and education, social marketing campaigns, strong campus and community partnerships, strong campus and community policies, and treatment and support. Multiple campus and community departments provide continuous education and outreach efforts focused on the prevention of high-risk and underage drinking and the associated negative consequences. Examples of topics routinely discussed with students include highlighting the benefits of abstaining from alcohol, the use of protective strategies, local campus and state laws, signs and symptoms of alcohol poisoning and how to respond in situations, and bystander intervention among many other topics.

### **Q: What is the policy for students living on campus in the residence halls?**

A: Per the Residence Life Community Standards: "Residents and/or guests are prohibited from possessing open containers or consume alcohol outside or around the adjacent property of the residence halls or in common areas inside the residence halls. Residents 21 years of age or older may consume alcohol in the following places only: in their own room, in a room with an assigned occupant also 21 years of age or older, or in floor lounges. Rooms where all residents are under 21 years of age are considered 'dry' rooms. Alcohol is prohibited in dry rooms. Guests that are 21 years of age may only consume alcohol in rooms in which someone that is 21 years of older resides. Residents less than 21 years of age are prohibited from possessing alcohol beverage containers in their room, including decorative collections."

All residential students are responsible to abide by Housing and Residence Education Community Standards and the University of Florida Student Code of Conduct. Violations of these Community Standards will result in appropriate University of Florida disciplinary action.



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### **Q: What is the policy for students living off-campus?**

**A:** Off-campus offenses involving alcohol are handled by the Gainesville Police Department (GPD) and Alachua County Sheriff's Office (ACSO). However, there may be instances where offenses occurring off campus are also referred to the University of Florida Conduct and Conflict Resolution Office for further attention. Two campus resources that provide additional information and support for students living off campus are the Office of Off Campus Life and Student Legal Services.

### **Q: What is the University of Florida Medical Amnesty Policy?**

**A:** The University of Florida is committed to promoting a safe and healthy environment for all students. The Medical Amnesty Policy (MAP) is designed to encourage students to make responsible decisions and seek prompt, professional, medical assistance and treatment in serious or life-threatening situations that result from alcohol and/or other drug abuse such as alcohol poisoning or drug overdose. Specifically, students are encouraged to call 911 in serious or life-threatening alcohol and/or drug abuse situations. The person calling for help and the person in crisis will not be referred for Student Code of Conduct charges regarding that specific alcohol or drug use incident. MAP incidents will not be entered on the student's official academic record. MAP does apply to UF students who are a victim of sexual assault and have also engaged in underage alcohol consumption. Education about this policy also includes continuous education on the signs and symptoms of alcohol poisoning and how to respond in these types of situations. Additional information about the Medical Amnesty Policy can be found on the GatorWell Health Promotion Services website: <http://gatorwell.ufsa.ufl.edu>

### **Q: Does UF have a parental notification policy?**

**A:** Yes. The following is UF's parent notification policy for drug, alcohol, and campus DUI cases:

The following policy is in effect to notify parents or guardians of students in alcohol and other drug cases in the University of Florida.

1. If a registered student is claimed as a dependent by his or her parents or guardians pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code is found responsible for violating the campus conduct code's underage consumption, possession, or drug rules twice during the same term or for a third time regardless of the length of time between violations, the student's parents or guardians may be notified in writing by the Division of Student Affairs.



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2. If a registered student is transported to an emergency medical treatment center for drug use or intoxication, the student's parents or guardians may be notified by a telephone call from the Division of Student Affairs if necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other individuals.

The Associate Vice President for Student Affairs will be making the telephone calls to the parents or guardians to avoid any conflict with the student disciplinary procedure in which the Dean of Students and the Vice President for Student Affairs hear judicial appeals.

### **Q: What are campus and community resources for more information on alcohol and drug related issues?**

**A:** The following are various campus and community resources that provide additional information on alcohol and drug related issues:

*UF Housing and Residence Education Community Standards:*

<http://www.housing.ufl.edu/undergrad/resources/community-standards/>

*UF Office of Off Campus Life:* <http://www.offcampus.ufl.edu/>

*UF Student Legal Services:* <https://www.studentlegalservices.ufl.edu/>

*UF GatorWell Health Promotion Services:* <http://gatorwell.ufsa.ufl.edu/>

*UF Dean of Students Office Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution:* <https://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr>

*UF Counseling and Wellness Center:* <http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/>

*UF Student Health Care Center:* <http://shcc.ufl.edu/>

*University Police Department:* <http://www.police.ufl.edu/>

*Gainesville Police Department:* <http://www.gainesvillepd.org/>