

# **University Alcohol and Illegal Drug Policy**

SBU takes a position of abstinence, whether on campus or off campus, regarding the issue of alcohol. The student will be subject to disciplinary action if behavior is found to be inconsistent with the stated position of the University. The University alcohol policy prohibits consumption, possession, or distribution of alcoholic beverages on campus and at off campus university sponsored functions. It is unacceptable for any person to be on campus while under the influence of alcohol. (Students in such condition may seek help from university officials but are still subject to disciplinary action.)

## **University Sanctions for Alcohol Policy Violation**

Students who fail to abide by the University's alcohol policy are subject to disciplinary action. The status of Dismissal with Suspended Imposition of Sentence is for first time offenders. Students placed on this status are referred to an approved counselor for assessment. Students must follow all recommendations and are financially responsible for all services. Additional educative requirements may be specified, depending upon the situation. Failure to follow all of the specified guidelines by a stipulated deadline will result in the termination of student status. A second offense will result in the immediate termination of student status.

Students may voluntarily submit to alcohol counseling, evaluating, or treatment without disciplinary action being taken. Participation in an alcohol program may not, however, be used as an excuse for continued violation of the University's alcohol policy.

## **Local, State, and Federal Legal Sanctions for Alcohol Offenses**

The standards of conduct are developed through the mission and function of the University and are not limited to standards of criminal action. The University will cooperate with any investigation of suspected illegal action by students.

### **Local Sanctions**

Any person under the age of twenty-one years, who purchases or attempts to purchase, or has in his possession, any intoxicating liquor as defined in this ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor. (Ord. 497 s-4). City of Bolivar Municipal Codes. Section 250.040. Any person violating any of the provisions of any Section of the Chapter (245) shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for a term of not more than one year, or by a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or by both such fine and jail sentence. (Ord. 497 s-5 and 9). City of Bolivar Municipal Codes. Section 250.080.

### **State Sanctions**

Missouri Statutes prohibit the following acts:



hereafter be declared unlawful to possess, have under his control, sell, prescribe, administer, dispense, distribute or compound under the provisions of Chapter 195 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri and the Rules and Regulations of the Missouri Department of Health propounded pursuant to the authority of said Chapter except such possession, control, sale, prescription, administration and disposition, distribution or compounding which is specifically authorized under the provisions of said chapter 195; or to possess any apparatus, device, or instrument for the unauthorized use of any such controlled substance. (ord. 651 s-1. City of Bolivar Municipal Codes. Section 245.010.)

Any person found guilty of the violation of this Chapter (245) shall, upon conviction, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished as follows:

For the first offense of possession or delivery without remuneration of 35 grams or less of marijuana, such person shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$100.00 or by confinement in the County Jail not to exceed ten (10) days, or by both such fine and confinement.

For the second and subsequent offense of the possession of delivery without remuneration to any other person of 35 grams or less of marijuana and for all other offenses under the terms of this Chapter, such person shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 or by confinement in the County Jail for a term not to exceed One Hundred (100) days, or both such fine and confinement. (Ord. 651 s-3. city of Bolivar Municipal Codes. Section 245.030.

### **State sanctions**

Possession of a controlled substance. It is unlawful for any person to possess or have control of a

Unlawful distribution to a minor. It is illegal to distribute or deliver any controlled substance to a person under 17 years of age, who is also two years younger than the person so delivering.  
Section 195.212, R.S.Mo. (1990 Supp.). Violation of this section is a Class B felony, punishable by

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## **Health Risks**

### **Alcohol**

Even low doses significantly impair judgment and coordination. Moderate to high dose cause marked impairments in higher mental functions, severely altering a person's ability to learn and remember information. It results in an inability to deal realistically with problems and increases aggressive behavior. High doses can cause respiratory depression and death. Alcohol can permanently damage the liver, heart, and brain. If used during pregnancy, it can damage the baby. High doses may cause death.

### **Tobacco**

Smoked or smokeless tobacco is a health hazard. Long-term health effects include cancer and heart and lung disease. Smoking is considered to be the leading preventable cause of death in the United States. Amphetamines (Speed, Uppers) Can cause a feeling of panic and careless behavior. It can be addictive and can cause brain damage when used in large doses.

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### **Sedatives**

Slows mental processes and reflexes. They are often addictive. Continued use can cause kidney and liver damage or death by overdose, especially if mixed with alcohol.

### **Inhalants**

Inhaling paint, glue, dry cleaning fluids, etc. can cause harm to one's vision, memory, thought processes, memory and coordination. They are usually poisonous and many can kill instantly by interfering with breathing or causing heart failure.

### **Anabolic steroids**

The use of steroids may result in more than 70 side effects ranging in severity from liver cancer, heart and reproductive system damage to acne. Psychological effects such as aggression or depression may occur. Even years after discontinuing steroids, they may result in heart attacks and strokes.

### **Depressants**

The effects are similar to the effects of alcohol. Large doses can cause slurred speech, staggering and altered perception. Very large doses can cause respiratory depression, coma and death.

### **Hallucinogens**

Phencyclidine (PCP) interrupts the function of the section of the brain that controls the intellect and keeps instincts in check. Memory and speech problems may result as well as self-inflicted

