



Sigma Chi Fraternity's

Alcohol and Drug Policies

for the Sigma Chi Fraternity and the Risk Mangement Foundation

The Sigma Chi Policy on Alcohol And Drugs

The Sigma Chi Fraternity is founded upon and irrevocably committed to fundamental values rooted in personal responsibility. At all levels and in all aspects of the fraternity experience, membership in Sigma Chi entails a commitment to educational attainment, personal growth, and a continuing contribution of value to our collegiate and external communities. Any involvement of illegal drugs or the illegal or irresponsible use of alcoholic beverages in Sigma Chi chapter living environments or Fraternity-related activities poses a significant threat to health and safety and is contrary to these objectives and the ideals for which Sigma Chi stands. Sigma Chi chapters and their individual members in all Fraternity-related or sponsored activities must operate in compliance with all applicable federal, state, provincial and local laws relating to alcohol and drugs and must conform to all regulations, codes of conduct, standards or policies which are or may be established by our host colleges and universities. Clearly recognizing that brotherhood in Sigma Chi entails expectations of gentlemanly conduct and personal responsibility broader than basic compliance with laws and regulations, and that risk to the health and safety of our members, guests, and our communities must be minimized, further measures are necessary and appropriate. Accordingly, the following shall apply throughout the Fraternity in connection with any Fraternity-related or sponsored activity, at all levels of membership, and specifically in all undergraduate chapter operations, programs, events and activities. These policy provisions represent minimal requirements to be observed throughout the Sigma Chi Fraternity. Such further requirements or stricter limitations that exist or may be necessary in any particular jurisdiction shall be observed, and nothing in this policy shall be interpreted in any manner than would undermine compliance with any more restrictive regulation, rule, or policy applicable in any such jurisdiction.

A. Provisions applicable throughout the General Fraternity:

1. The illegal use, illegal possession, illegal sale, or illegal distribution of any controlled substance or alcoholic beverage at a chapter house or during a Fraternity function is prohibited.
2. No chapter members, collectively or individually, shall at any time purchase for, sell to, or serve alcoholic beverages to any person under the legal drinking age.
3. Where the jurisdictional or university campus laws prohibit alcoholic beverages at rush functions, no chapter shall permit the use, possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages at any rush function, whether held at the chapter house or elsewhere. It is prohibited to use alcohol as a promotional vehicle for rush events. It is the responsibility and duty of all chapters to promote the consumption of alternative beverages to that of alcohol at rush events.
4. Where permitted by applicable local, state, or provincial laws, and any applicable college or university regulations or policies, the serving and consumption of alcoholic beverages shall be in compliance with all such requirements, both in and outside Fraternity facilities, on and off-campus.

5. No chapter shall host an “open” social function where alcoholic beverages are present. Non-members attending a chapter function may do so only by invitation of a chapter member. A list of individual guests with the names of the Sigma Chi host must be maintained, and all persons desiring admission to the function must be monitored at the door for entry. It is expected that at all such events, Sigma Chi hosts will exercise due regard for the safety and welfare of guests, and will be diligent in assuring the personal responsibility of guests in order to prevent injury to members or guests and to prevent damage to chapter or Fraternity facilities.
6. Should any member or guest at a chapter function or present in Fraternity facilities appear to be intoxicated, chapter members shall take reasonable steps to safely escort that person to his or her place of lodging. In particular, chapter members shall take all reasonable steps to prevent apparently intoxicated persons from operating a motor vehicle or walking themselves home. Such persons should be accompanied by a sober and responsible member who is capable of assisting as needed.
7. At any chapter function or activity where alcoholic beverages are served, valid identification of those persons claiming to be of legal age for alcohol consumption (where legal consumption is permitted) is required.
8. At any and all Fraternity functions or activities where legal consumption of alcoholic beverages is permitted, the following shall be observed:
 - a) Ample alternative beverages must be available and served; and
 - b) Monitor(s) who shall not consume alcoholic beverages shall be designated from themembership or independently hired, and who shall undertake throughout the function to make reasonable efforts to prevent uninvited or intoxicated persons from entering, and to prevent any person who appears to be intoxicated from leaving alone.
9. No Fraternity activity or function should encourage the rapid consumption of alcohol.
10. Due to the destructive and immediate effect of high alcohol concentration, the use of grain alcohol or any distilled liquor exceeding 100 proof in any form or mixture at a Fraternity sponsored event should be discouraged.
11. No alcoholic beverages shall be served, provided or purchased for any member or pledge in connection with any aspect of the pledge education program.
12. To promote continuing awareness and understanding of applicable laws and expectations of conduct associated with the involvement of alcoholic beverages in any Fraternity activity. Each chapter shall undertake to instruct members and pledges on the laws regarding legal drinking age, the regulation of the sale and distribution of alcohol, open container laws, and other laws applicable in the state, province or community in which the chapter is located. Such instruction shall include, at a minimum, an explanation of “Dram Shop” laws, implied consent, and host liquor liability. In order to promote the highest sense of responsibility for the health and

safety of persons who consume alcoholic beverages, instruction shall also be provided with the goal of encouraging intervention which would prevent any person from drinking to excess, or from engaging in any potentially dangerous activity while under the influence of alcohol, and with respect to procedures to be following in the event of an accident injury or other alcohol or drug-related emergency.

B. Further provisions application to chapters and all fraternity-related activities and events in jurisdictions in which the legal drinking age is twenty-one years of age or older:

1. No alcoholic beverages may be purchased with funds from the chapter treasury. Further, the purchase of alcoholic beverages for members or guests may not be undertaken, arranged or coordinated by any member in the name of or on behalf of the chapter. If it is necessary to comply with a college or university policy, rule, regulation or directive pertaining to a particular event or activity where alcoholic beverages may lawfully be served and consumed, chapter funds may be utilized in connection with that particular event or activity if approved in writing by the appropriate college or university official. Otherwise, a chapter may hire a catering service employing qualified bartenders for the purpose of distributing and serving alcoholic beverages. However, any service hired for this purpose must carry general liability and liquor liability insurance, and must accept responsibility for restricting access to alcoholic beverages to those of legal age, and denying access to apparently intoxicated persons.
2. Except for events catered professionally, no chapter may provide alcoholic beverages to members or guests at any Fraternity activity or sponsored event by means of selling tickets, charging admission fees, taking any collection, donation, or by using any other direct or indirect means of collecting money from persons attending any such function, unless the chapter has legally obtained both a license to dispense alcohol and appropriate "Dram Shop" liability insurance coverage. Implementation and enforcement of the provisions of this policy are the responsibility of each chapter and those members who are responsible for any Fraternity-related or sponsored event. The Sigma Chi Fraternity cannot control chapter or individual members and, thus, assumes no liability for the failure of any chapter or responsible person to observe the provisions of this policy. However, habitual significant intoxication and/or the use, possession, sale, or distribution of any illegal drug or controlled substance, and any other violation of this policy by a member (active or alumnus) or a pledge shall be deemed "conduct unbecoming a Sigma Chi." It is expected that the chapter shall in any such case invoke provisions of the Sigma Chi Governing Laws in regard to disciplinary procedures and sanctions, and shall report any such violation to the Chapter Advisor and Grand Praetor. Violators should be advised to seek qualified counseling. Additionally, any violation of this policy by a chapter or individual will subject that chapter or individual to such disciplinary procedures and sanctions as may be imposed by the Executive Committee of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, including the suspension or revocation of a charter, in the case of a chapter, or membership, in the case of an individual.

The Risk Management Foundation Policy on Alcohol And Drugs

1. The illegal use, possession, sale or distribution of any controlled substance or alcoholic beverage at a chapter house or any chapter function shall be strictly prohibited.
2. No chapter members, collectively or individually, shall purchase for, serve to, allow to be served, or sell alcoholic beverages to those under legal drinking age.
3. No alcoholic beverages may be purchased with funds from the chapter treasury nor may the purchase of same for members or guests be undertaken or coordinated by any member in the name of or on behalf of the chapter. A chapter may secure the services of a professional catering service with professional bartenders. Any service retained must have a general liability and liquor liability insurance policies.
4. If a tap system, keg or other concentration of alcohol which requires a common container is to be present in the chapter house, on chapter property, or at a chapter function, it is to be administered by a licensed or certified bartender who is not a member of the chapter, a pledge, or a Sigma Chi alumnus. This would include, but is not limited to, pony kegs, “party balls,” and punch.
5. No chapter may co-sponsor an event with an alcohol distributor or tavern (tavern is defined as an establishment generating more than half of annual gross sales from alcohol) where alcohol is given away, sold or otherwise provided to those present. This does not prohibit advertising and promotional activities in connection with fund-raising or charitable events.
6. Due to the destructive and immediate effects that high alcohol concentration can cause, no grain alcohol or any such distilled liquor exceeding 100 proof, nor any mixture above 50 percent pure grain alcohol per volume is to be served in any form or mixture during a Fraternity-sponsored event.
7. No chapter member may provide alcoholic beverages to members or guests by selling tickets or cups, by charging admission fees, by taking a collection (“passing a hat”), or by using any direct or indirect means of collecting money from persons attending chapter functions.
8. No chapter shall serve, or permit the use, possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages at rush functions, whether held at the chapter house or elsewhere.
9. If any member or guest appears to be even slightly intoxicated at any chapter function, chapter members shall safely escort said person from the function. The chapter must undertake all reasonable efforts to prevent intoxicated persons from driving automobiles or walking themselves home. Such persons must be accompanied by a sober and responsible member who is not under the influence of alcohol or other controlled substance.

10. No chapter may host an “open” party (social function) where alcohol is present. Non-members attending a chapter function may do so only by invitation of a chapter member who shall assume personal responsibility for the welfare of guests and any damage to chapter premises caused by said guests. A list of individual guests with the names of the host should be maintained and all persons monitored at the door for entry to every function. The safety and welfare of each guest is the responsibility of the individual who invited the guest.
11. Each member and pledge will be instructed on the law regarding drinking age, regulation of alcohol sales, open container laws and other laws applicable in the state or province in which the chapter is domiciled, including, but not limited to, dram shop exposures, implied consent, and host liquor liability. Instruction shall also be provided with the goal of engendering in each member and pledge a sense of responsibility toward the welfare of those who consume alcohol, encouragement of intervention to prevent any person from drinking to excess, or from engaging in any potentially dangerous activity, including driving a motor vehicle, riding a bicycle or skateboard while under the influence of alcohol. Instruction shall also be provided on emergency procedures to be employed in the event of accidental injury resulting from alcohol consumption and/or use of controlled substances.
12. Valid identification of those claiming to be of legal age for alcohol consumption (where legal consumption is permitted) is required. The possession, distribution, or consumption of alcoholic beverages must not violate federal, state or local laws, local ordinances as well as rules and regulations of the university of college.
13. At any and all chapter functions where the legal consumption of alcoholic beverages is permitted, water and other alternatives or non-alcoholic beverages must be served. At said functions, party monitors must be appointed or hired who will not consume alcoholic beverages. These monitors must be on duty to prevent uninvited and/or intoxicated guests from entering, leaving alone, etc.
14. Any legal use of alcohol shall avoid providing unlimited quantities. No activity should encourage rapid consumption of alcohol. No chapter member shall permit, tolerate, encourage or participate in “drinking games.”
15. Any and all alcoholic beverages shall be strictly prohibited from being served to, provided for, or purchased for any member in connection with any and all aspects of the pledge education program (refer to pledge program in Magister’s Manual of the Sigma Chi Fraternity).
16. Habitual significant intoxication and/or the use, possession, sale or distribution of any controlled substance by any member, pledge or alumnus shall be deemed “conduct unbecoming a Sigma Chi” and the chapter’s executive committee shall invoke the appropriate provisions of Sigma Chi law should said violations occur (including fines, suspension or expulsion). Each such violation shall be reported to the Chapter Advisor and Grand Praetor. Violators shall be advised to seek qualified counseling.

Binge Drinking Facts

Definition of one drink:

12-ounce can or bottle of beer

12-ounce can or bottle of wine cooler

4-ounce glass of wine

A shot of liquor, either straight or in a mixed drink.

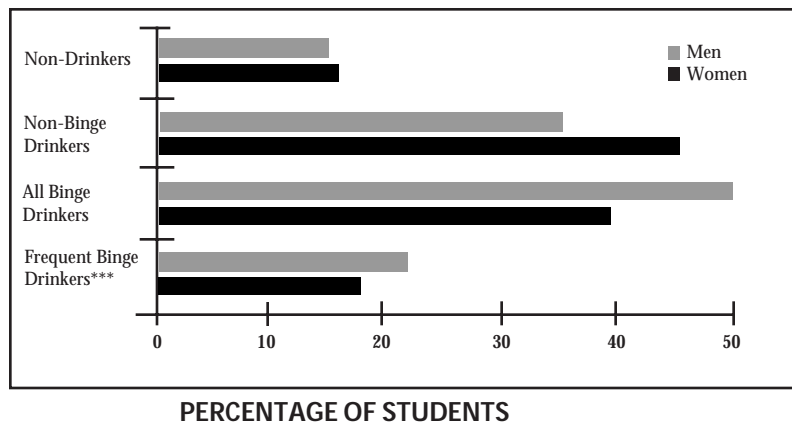
“Binge” drinking is defined for men as drinking FIVE or more drinks in a row in the past two weeks, and for women as drinking FOUR or more drinks in a row.

“Frequent” binge drinking is defined as binge drinking three or more times in the past two weeks.

FACTS:

- Being white, involved in athletics, or a resident of a fraternity or sorority made it more likely that a student would be a binge drinker.
- College students spend 5.5 billion on alcohol each year.
- 44 percent of college students binge drink.

STUDENT DRINKING STATUS BY GENDER



PROFILE OF BINGE DRINKERS

RACE/ETHNICITY

White students are over twice as likely to be binge drinkers compared to other racial/ethnic groups.

RELIGION

Students that said religious participation is not very important to them were more than twice as likely to be binge drinkers compared to other students.

ATHLETICS

Students that say that athletic participation is very important to them were almost one-and-a-half times more likely to be binge drinkers.

FRATERNITY/SORORITY RESIDENCE

Residents of fraternities or sororities were four times as likely to be binge drinkers compared to other students.

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