

# Alcohol and Other Drugs Policies

To comply with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989 (DFSCA) and subsequent amendments, Coe College students are informed that policies are in place, which prohibit the possession, use, and/or distribution of any illicit drugs on Coe College property or as a part of any Coe College-sponsored activity (unless specific permission is given for students of legal age to consume alcohol moderately).

In compliance with state and federal laws, Coe College prohibits the unlawful possession, use, manufacture, or distribution of alcohol and/or other drugs by students. Students who violate the alcohol and other drugs policy will be subject to disciplinary action.

- Students under 21 years of age shall not possess, distribute, or consume alcohol anywhere on Coe College property or at a Coe College-sponsored event. Students under 21 years of age that are found to be in possession of alcohol shall have their alcohol confiscated and will be subject to the Conduct Process.
- Students who are 21 years of age or older are permitted to possess and consume alcohol within the privacy of their own room, provided that the door remains closed, or at an approved campus event by officials.
- Students must be 21 years of age or older to host, formally or informally, any activity that includes alcohol.
- Students who are 21 years of age or older may not provide, sell, or otherwise share alcohol with persons who are under 21 years of age.
- Students who are 21 years of age or older may not provide, sell, or otherwise share alcohol with persons who are intoxicated.
- Alcohol is not permitted in public areas of the residential living spaces (including, but not limited to: restrooms, hallways, stairwells, elevators, lounges, chapter rooms, patios, balconies, etc.).
- Alcohol is not permitted outdoors on campus (unless at an approved campus event by officials).
- Alcohol is to be transported in covered, opaque packages when brought on-campus.
- Students are prohibited from possessing or using kegs and kegerators in all campus residences, campus buildings, and campus grounds.
- Alcoholic beverages in containers greater than one gallon are prohibited on campus.
- Common source mixtures of alcohol are prohibited due to the potential danger of unknown alcohol content or presence of other substances.
- Drinking activities that employ peer pressure or force consumption are prohibited.
- Drinking games and games associated with drinking (ex. water pong) are prohibited.
- Alcohol may not be used as an incentive or award at social events or college activities.
- Student activity fee funds may not be used to purchase alcohol.

Failure to observe or abide by any of the above listed requirements and expectations will result in disciplinary action through the Student Conduct Process. In addition, please be reminded that Coe College students are responsible for adhering to all local, state, and federal laws. Coe College will not and cannot protect students from the consequences of violating these statutes.

## Illegal Substance Policies

Illegal drugs are not permitted on Coe College property. Institutional knowledge of the possession, use, distribution, sale, and/or manufacture of any drug will subject the involved student(s) to investigation and the disciplinary process.

The following actions are prohibited:

- Misuse of over-the-counter drugs.

- Misuse or sharing of prescription drugs.
- Improper use of any prescription medication, including the use of prescription drugs without a prescription or consuming prescription medication in excess of what a provider has prescribed. Such improper use will be interpreted as illegal drug use.
- Possessing, using, and/or being under the influence of any form of illegal drug.
- Distributing and/or selling any form of prescription drug or illegal drug.
- Manufacturing and/or selling any form of prescription drug or illegal drug.
- Possessing paraphernalia (i.e., rolling papers, pipes, bongs, etc.) for intended or implied use of any form of illegal drug.
- Possessing paraphernalia that contains or appears to contain illegal drug residue.
- Purchasing or passing prescription drugs or illegal drugs from one person to another.
- Using mail services (including campus mail services) to sell, pass, or distribute prescription or illegal drugs.

In addition, please be reminded that Coe College students are responsible for adhering to all local, state, and federal laws. Coe College will not and cannot protect students from the consequences of violating these statutes. Please note: cannabis products are considered illegal in Iowa.

## **Civil Laws and Sanctions Regarding Alcohol and Other Drugs**

**Alcohol Laws** – Iowa State Code states that it is unlawful for any person to “sell, give, or otherwise supply any alcoholic beverage to any person knowing or having reasonable cause to believe that person to be under legal age.” It also states that “a person or persons under legal age shall not purchase or attempt to purchase, consume, or individually or jointly have alcoholic beverages in their possession or control” The Iowa State Code further states that “a person under legal age shall not misrepresent the person’s age for the purpose of purchasing or attempting to purchase any alcoholic beverage from any retail alcohol licensee.” Penalties range from a simple misdemeanor to a serious misdemeanor. In Iowa the legal consumption age is 21.

**Drug Laws** – Iowa State Code states that it is unlawful for any person not authorized by Chapter 124 of the state code “to manufacture, deliver, or possess with the intent to manufacture or deliver, a controlled substance, a counterfeit substance, a simulated controlled substance, or an imitation controlled substance, or to act with, enter into a common scheme or design with, or conspire with one or more other persons to manufacture, deliver, or possess with the intent to manufacture or deliver a controlled substance, a counterfeit substance, a simulated controlled substance, or an imitation controlled substance.” Penalties range from a simple misdemeanor to a felony. For greater detail of these state laws, see Chapters 123 and 124 of the Iowa State Code.

The federal law with respect to drug abuse prevention and control may be found in Title 21, Chapter 13, of the United States Code. A number of different penalties (sanctions) may be imposed by the magistrate or other representatives of the civil judicial system. Penalties include criminal charges, ranging from a simple misdemeanor to a felony. Sentencing may include one or more of the following: monetary fines, incarceration, and community service. Penalties may be different for persons under or over the age of 18 years old.

Persons under 18 who violate drug and alcohol laws may be turned over to juvenile authorities or are dealt with through the court system. Persons over 18 are dealt with through the court system. Persons over 18 who are charged with the use or possession of illegal drugs are treated as adults. Fines, jail sentences, and community service are at the discretion of the magistrate or district court judge.