

Alcohol and Other Drug Policy Quick Reference 2019-20



Alcohol and Other Drug Information

Elizabethtown College is required by the Federal Drug Free Work Place Act and the Drug Free School and Communities Amendment Public Law to educate students about drug and alcohol issues. Specifically, the College must develop a comprehensive program to address and prevent drug and alcohol abuse that (1) prohibits illegal drug and alcohol possession, distribution and use on our campus and informs students of specific consequences under the Elizabethtown College Student Code of Conduct and the law; and (2) informs students of the personal health risks associated with drug and alcohol use and abuse and provides strategies for prevention and intervention.

College Alcohol and Drug Policy

It is the duty of all students to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with College regulations and to help others do likewise. In all instances, students are considered fully responsible for their own actions and personal well-being. Students also are encouraged to be mindful of the well-being of others. Any behavior which puts health or safety at risk or which infringes on the rights of others shall not be condoned.

Prohibited use includes, but is not limited to:

- 1. Alcohol Policy Violation**– Use, possession, manufacture, distribution or sale (or intent to sell or distribute) of alcoholic beverages except as expressly permitted by law and College regulations. Alcoholic beverages may not, in any circumstances, be used by, possessed by, sold or otherwise distributed to any person under 21 years of age. Violations include but are not limited to:
 - Use or possession of common source containers defined as kegs, beer balls, or mixed drinks or punch served in large quantity from a common container;
 - Possession of quantities of alcohol that exceed college-approved limits;
 - Sale of alcoholic beverages (includes door cover charge and sale of cups);
 - Possession or use of alcohol-related paraphernalia, including beer bongs, funnels, and kegerators, etc.
 - Engagement in activities and/or drinking games that contribute to high-risk drinking behavior;
 - Possession or use of a false ID is prohibited;
 - Use, possession, manufacture, distribution or sale of alcoholic beverages that violates the rights of others or results in emergency medical response for self or others, or leads to lewd, dangerous or disorderly acts. These acts include but are not limited to public urination and defecation, driving under the influence, providing alcohol to an intoxicated person.
 - See [Alcohol and Drug Policy](#) for complete description.
- 2. Drug Policy Violation** –
 - The actual or intended use, purchase, possession, cultivation, manufacture, sale, distribution of marijuana, synthetic marijuana such as K-2 or Spice, bath salts, cocaine, heroin and other narcotics, or other controlled substances except as expressly permitted by law. This includes designer drugs and edibles containing the above mentioned drugs.
 - Distribution, sale or sharing of prescription medication is prohibited. Students should keep prescription medication in its original, labeled container and store it in a secure location. Report any stolen prescription medication to Campus Security.
 - Possession of drug paraphernalia is prohibited; confiscated paraphernalia will not be returned to the owner.
 - See [Alcohol and Drug Policy](#) for complete details.

Violation of federal, state or local law – students are responsible for upholding all federal, state and local laws and ordinances relating to drugs and alcohol and should report any violation of federal, state or local law to the Dean of Students.

Relevant Laws

Elizabethtown College and all members of its community are subject to federal laws, the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Elizabethtown Borough ordinances. With specific regard to alcohol, the following regulations apply:

1. The minimum legal age for the purchase, attempted purchase, possession, consumption, or knowing or intentional transport of alcohol is 21 years.
2. It is illegal to misrepresent one's own age or the age of another person in order to purchase or otherwise obtain alcohol (e.g., possession or use of false ID, driver's license, verbal misrepresentation, etc.).
3. It is illegal to operate a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. The blood alcohol content maximum in the Commonwealth is .08% for those 21 years of age or older, and .02% for those under 21 years of age.
4. It is illegal to sell, furnish or purchase with intent to sell or furnish any alcoholic beverages to a person who is under 21 years of age.
5. It is illegal to charge admission to an event to cover the cost of alcohol being served or to otherwise sell alcohol to others, regardless of age, without a state license. (Examples include selling cups, accepting donations upon entry, and so on.)
6. Public Drunkenness-It is illegal to appear in any public place manifestly under the influence of alcohol, to the degree that self, others or property may be endangered, or that the intoxicated person may annoy those within the vicinity.
7. It is illegal in the Borough of Elizabethtown to consume, use or possess any containers of alcoholic beverages on any public street, sidewalk or parking lot.

The above list is representative, not exhaustive, of the current relevant laws. Penalties for violations may include fines, loss of driving privileges, and incarceration. For more information on local, state and Federal laws, see the [2019-20 Student Handbook](#), the [US Drug Enforcement Administration](#), and the [PA Liquor Control Board](#). A copy of the Elizabethtown Borough ordinances may be obtained upon request at the Borough Offices at 600 South Hanover Street, Elizabethtown.

How Criminal Convictions May Affect Federal Student Aid

By law, some students who have drug-related or sexual offense convictions under any federal or state law may be ineligible for federal student aid. According to the law, if you are convicted of a drug-related offense during a period of enrollment for which you are receiving federal student aid, you may face these restrictions:

For possession of illegal drugs, you are ineligible for Federal student aid from the date of conviction (not arrest) for:

- 1 year for a first offense
- 2 years for a second offense
- Indefinitely for a third offense

For selling or conspiring to sell illegal drugs, you are ineligible for Federal student aid from the date of conviction (not arrest) for:

- 2 years for a first offense
- Indefinitely for a second offense

If a student loses federal student aid eligibility due to a drug conviction, the College will provide written notice describing the ways in which the student can regain eligibility.

A student cannot receive a Pell Grant if the student is subject to an involuntary civil commitment following incarceration for a sexual offense (as determined under the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting Program). For information about specific legal implications, please consult the [U.S. Department of Education Federal Student Aid webpage](#).

Dangers of Illicit Alcohol or Other Drug Use

Prolonged, heavy use of **alcohol** can lead to addiction (alcoholism). Sudden cessation of long term, extensive alcohol intake is likely to produce withdrawal symptoms, including severe anxiety, tremors, hallucinations and convulsions. Long-term effects of consuming large quantities of alcohol, especially when combined with poor nutrition, can lead to permanent damage to vital organs such as the brain and liver.

Short-term effects of **marijuana** include problems with memory and learning, distorted perception (sights, sounds, time, touch), trouble with thinking and problem solving, loss of motor coordination, increased heart rate, and anxiety. These effects are even greater when other drugs are mixed with marijuana.

For more information on the risks of drug and alcohol use, see the [2019-20 Student Handbook](#).

Alcohol Emergencies

Never assume someone can just “sleep off” alcohol poisoning. Even if the individual has stopped drinking, alcohol continues to be released into the bloodstream and the blood alcohol level is rising.

WARNING SIGNS

- ◆ Vomiting
- ◆ Incoherent, confused
- ◆ Temperature-decrease in body temperature; cold, sweaty skin
- ◆ Low, irregular breathing
- ◆ Absence of color-pale or blue
- ◆ Seizures
- ◆ Inability to wake up

One warning sign is sufficient reason to take action!
CALL 717.361.1111 or 911 for immediate emergency response. Take immediate action if you are aware of an alcohol- or drug-related emergency.

College Amnesty Provision

Take immediate action if you are aware of any health or safety emergency. You (and the person needing medical assistance) will not be subject to the student conduct process if you call on behalf of another student, friend or guest, and follow the guidelines of the Amnesty Provision listed below. The critical concern is for students to seek immediate assistance from a qualified medical professional. In the event of an alcohol or other drug related medical emergency, students should activate the Amnesty Provision response by:

1. Calling Campus Security at 717.361.1111, or 911.
2. Remaining with the student experiencing the alcohol/drug emergency.
3. Participating in the emergency response by providing medical team or Campus Security with all information essential for an effective and timely intervention.

For more information on the Amnesty Provision, see the [2019-20 Student Handbook](#).

Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities Statistics In 2018-2019 the OSRR interacted with 144 students who were found responsible for 162 alcohol/drug violations. In addition to disciplinary actions, these students collectively received 93 educational sanctions. To review the 2018-2019 OSRR annual report, [click here](#).

Education & Prevention Resources

Students are encouraged to seek advice from Student Wellness, Residence Life and the Office of Student Rights & Responsibilities for complete information about campus and local community prevention and intervention programs. Major campus initiatives are listed below:

Counseling Center—Dr. Bruce Lynch, Director, 717.361.1300

Assistance for individuals and groups with health information on special topics including alcohol and other drug abuse prevention.

The Basic Alcohol Screening and Intervention of College

Students (BASICS) Program—This program provides individual students an opportunity to examine their use of alcohol in a judgment-free consultation with a college staff counselor.

AOD Assessment—Completion of an alcohol or drug use assessment with a college staff counselor.

Director of Community Living, 717.361.1197

CHOICES—A 90-minute alcohol abuse prevention, harm reduction group session.

Student Skills for Life Class—Interactive classes facilitated by a drug/alcohol prevention specialist are available to any student who wants to explore decision-making and harm reduction.

Electronic Check-up to Go (E-Chug) for Alcohol or Marijuana - The interactive web-based inventory is available to any Elizabethtown College student.

For additional resources for understanding the risks associated with drugs and alcohol see the [National Institute on Drug Abuse](#).

The following table is a non-binding guide to potential sanctions for violations of the College Alcohol & Drug Policy.

Type of Drug/Alcohol Violation	Disciplinary Actions	Possible Educational Sanctions	Notification	Failure to Comply
1st minor violation (e.g. illegal possession of a small quantity of alcohol)	Formal Warning (FW)	E-Chug Online Conference Letter of Apology	Athletic Director	VP of Student Life Hold
2nd minor violation	Disciplinary Notice (DN)	CHOICES Conference	Advisor, Athletic Director, College Employer, Parent	VP of Student Life Hold
1st violation of greater significance (e.g. large quantity of alcohol, public intoxication, Borough citation for underage alcohol, possession of drug paraphernalia, associated vandalism, failure to comply, disorderly conduct, lewd conduct)	Disciplinary Notice (DN)	CHOICES/BASICS, E-Toke Alcohol/ Drug Assessment Skills for Life Classes Conference Educational Project Letter of Apology	Advisor, Athletic Director, College Employer, Parent	VP of Student Life Hold
Multiple minor violations or single violation of serious nature (e.g. unauthorized sale of alcohol, possession and or use of either natural or synthetic marijuana, possession and/or use of other drugs including prescription medication)	Disciplinary Probation (DP)	Loss of Privileges E-Toke Educational Project Drug/Alcohol Assessment Suspension from Residence	Advisor, Athletic Director, College Employer, Parent	VP of Student Life Hold
Single serious violation which impacts the safety and well-being of self or others and/or negatively affects Elizabethtown College or repeated minor violations, especially when occurring in one academic year or while the student is on Disciplinary Probation (e.g. sale or distribution of alcohol to minors, sale/distribution of natural or synthetic marijuana, sale/distribution of other drugs including prescription medication, DUI)	Disciplinary Suspension or Disciplinary Expulsion	Suspension 1 or more semesters VP of Student Life Hold Drug/Alcohol Assessment Successful completion of Intensive Outpatient Rehabilitative Program if indicated Notification of Financial Aid	Advisor, Athletic Director, College Employer, Parent Registrar, Academic Standing Committee	

Consult the [2019-20 Student Handbook](#) for complete information.