

CANISIUS COLLEGE ALCOHOL, DRUG AND SMOKING POLICY

I. INTRODUCTION

Canisius includes among its goals to “educate the whole person by caring for the intellectual, spiritual, emotional, and physical well being of each individual.” It is the position of Canisius to promote informed choices about the use of alcohol and drugs on and off-campus by all members of the community. Members of the College community are subject to all federal, state, county and municipal laws and ordinances as well as College regulations and policies regulating the possession, use, sale, and purchase of alcoholic beverages and drugs. Students must be at least 21 years of age to consume or possess alcohol on Canisius property. Furthermore, the use, possession or distribution of illegal drug-related paraphernalia, narcotics or other controlled substances except as expressly permitted by federal, state and/or local law is prohibited. The misuse of prescription drugs and other products being used other than intended is also prohibited. Since the responsible use of alcohol by those of legal drinking age is permitted, the following policies and procedures apply for the possession, use, sale, purchase, and service of alcoholic beverages:

II. GENERAL

1. Engaging in activities that promote irresponsible drinking (e.g. drinking games, chugging contests, or any means where alcohol is consumed as part of a competition) is not permitted.
2. Public intoxication and/or drunken behavior, which result in the destruction of property, or actions that are disrespectful is prohibited.
3. Open alcohol containers are not permitted in public areas of the College, nor may open containers of alcohol be transported on College property.
4. Alcohol at athletic events is strictly prohibited, except at events held at the HSBC Arena, which shall be governed strictly by Arena policy. Any violation of Arena policy shall be considered a violation of the Canisius policy.
5. No consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages will be permitted on buses or other transportation to from on- or off-campus events.
6. Possession and/or use of false identification for the purpose of, but not limited to, obtaining alcohol or gaining access to an establishment that serves alcohol, is a violation of this policy.
7. Providing alcoholic beverages to any person who is under 21 years of age is prohibited.

III. SPECIFIC

A. Residence Life

1. No large quantities of alcohol are permitted including, but not limited to, beer balls and kegs. Any person found responsible for possessing a beer ball or keg shall be removed from residence.
2. Delivery of alcohol by a retail or wholesale distributor to any College housing facility is

prohibited.

3. Alcohol containers used as decorations may be deemed as proof of consumption and are prohibited.

B. Events

Guidelines for public and private student-sponsored social events at which alcohol will be served can be found at www.canisius.edu/event/policies_alcohol.asp

IV. ADJUDICATION PROCESS

Anyone in violation of this policy shall be held accountable for their behavior through the College's Community Standards. In addition, alcohol or drugs possessed in violation of this policy are subject to confiscation. All monies collected as a result of individual or group fines shall be placed into the DOS budget specifically for the administration of alcohol education programs. The decision to notify parents of violations of the Alcohol and Drug Policy will be at the discretion of a College official. This decision shall be based upon the following considerations:

- Seriousness of the incident
- Previous disciplinary history
- Best interest of the student.

V. SMOKING

Canisius prohibits tobacco use, in any form, in all indoor areas and public areas on campus. Indoor and public areas also include, but are not limited to, restrooms, all campus buildings and college owned housing, private offices, vestibules, entrances, exits, stairwells, college owned vehicles and the Demske Sports complex. Tobacco use is limited to areas outside entrances and exits providing doors, windows, and air intake vents are closed. Smokers must extinguish cigarettes and cigars in smoking receptacles located throughout the campus. Canisius encourages all users of tobacco, in any form, to quit. Information on smoking cessation programs are available in the Student Health Center.

DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS & COMMUNITIES ACT

In accordance with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989, Canisius College is informing you about the College's policies on drugs and alcohol and about the health risks associated with their use. The abuse of alcohol and the use of illegal drugs by members of the Canisius community are incompatible with the goals of an academic institution. In order to ensure that alcohol and illegal drugs do not interfere with the goals of the College, substance abuse programs have been developed which apply to the College as both an educational institution and a workplace. The programs are designed to:

- Establish and enforce clear policies for employees and students that promote an educational environment free from the abuse of alcohol and illegal drugs.
- Educate all members of the campus community about the health risks associated with the use of illegal drugs and the abuse of alcohol.
- Create a campus environment that promotes and reinforces healthy, responsible living and respect for community and campus standards and regulations.
- Provide a reasonable level of care for individuals experiencing chemical use and abuse problems through counseling, treatment and referral.

Canisius prohibits the unauthorized possession, use, manufacture, distribution, or sale of alcoholic beverages by its employees or students on its property or as part of any of its activities. Further, while on its property or as part of any College activity employees and students are prohibited from using drugs, possessing drugs or drug paraphernalia and from selling or otherwise distributing drugs. Violations of these policies will result in immediate sanctions consistent with the College's employee and student disciplinary procedures, and local, state and federal law. This may include but is not limited to counseling, mandatory participation in an appropriate rehabilitation program, fines, participation in community service, unpaid suspension from employment, loss of certain campus privileges, termination of employment, and/or referral for prosecution.

HEALTH RISKS

Canisius is committed to educating members of the community on alcohol abuse and other drug use.

1. Alcohol — Alcohol consumption causes a number of changes in behavior. Even low doses significantly impair the judgment and coordination required to drive a car safely. Low to moderate doses of alcohol can increase the incidence of a variety of aggressive acts, including harassment and assault. Recent studies have shown that in incidents of campus date and acquaintance rape, both the perpetrator and the victim had been using alcohol. When alcohol is abused, all systems of the body are affected. The effects on the central nervous system include poor memory, premature aging of the brain and loss of reasoning ability. Continued abuse can lead to dependence which can lead to permanent damage to vital organs such as the liver.

2. Cannabis (Marijuana, Hashish) — Users of marijuana often experience an increased heart rate, bloodshot eyes, a dry mouth and throat and increased appetite. The use of marijuana may impair or reduce short-term memory and comprehension, alter sense of time, reduce coordination and energy level. Users often have chronic bronchitis and run the added risk of lung cancer.

3. Cocaine/Crack — Cocaine users often have a stuffy, runny nose with eczema around the nostrils and possible perforation of the nasal septum. Immediate effects of cocaine include dilated pupils and elevated blood pressure, heart rate, respiratory rate, and body temperature. Crack or freebase rock cocaine is extremely addictive, and its effects are felt within 10 seconds. Crack and cocaine can cause delirium, hallucinations, blurred vision, severe chest pain, muscle spasms, convulsions, and even death.

4. Hallucinogens — Lysergic acid (LSD), mescaline, and psilocybin cause delusions and hallucinations. The physical effects may include dilated pupils, elevated body temperature, increased heart rate and blood pressure, loss of appetite, sleeplessness and tremors. The user may experience panic, confusion, suspicion, anxiety, and loss of control. Delayed effects, or flashback, can occur even when use has ceased. Phencyclidine (PCP) interrupts the functions of the neocortex, the section of the brain that controls the intellect and keeps instincts in check. Because the drug blocks pain receptors, violent PCP episodes may result in self-inflicted injuries. The effects of PCP vary, but users frequently report a sense of distance and estrangement. Speech is incoherent, coordination worsens, and senses are dulled. In later stages of chronic use, users often exhibit paranoid and violent behavior and experience hallucinations.

5. Heroin — Heroin is an opiate drug that causes the body to have diminished pain reactions. Some of the risks associated with the use of heroin include the slowing of the heart rate so much so that coma and death can be induced. Please note the above list is

only a sampling of drugs, and by no means a complete one. Non-labeled use of prescription drugs, club drugs, nicotine, as well as inhalants are other drugs that pose health risks. For a complete list, go to the National Institute on Drug Abuse web site at www.nida.nih.gov. All members of the Canisius community are urged to familiarize themselves with the specific policies on alcohol and drug use found in the student and employee handbooks. Additional information about the health risks associated with use and abuse can be found in the Library, the Student Health Center and the Counseling Center. Information about New York State statutes and applicable penalties for violations can be found in the Library and by contacting Dominic J. Barone, Canisius Public Safety at Ext. 2330.