

A STUDENT GUIDE TO: THE ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS HANDBOOK

GVSU supports students in seeking the best possible solution to address concerns related to alcohol or drug misuse and abuse. GVSU considers all issues of alcohol and other drugs (AOD) to be a concern for the University community. Alcohol is by far the number one drug of choice on the campus and causes the most frequent negative impact. This document highlights portions of the AOD Handbook which provides information, guidelines, and resources for students. The AOD Handbook can be found at www.gvsu.edu/aod/handbook.

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT:

The unlawful manufacture, possession, use, sale, distribution or dispensation of illicit or prescription drugs and the unlawful possession, use, sale or distribution of alcohol and marijuana by faculty, staff, and students on GVSU property or as part of a University activity is specifically prohibited by University policy, federal and state law (including underage drinking laws).

HEALTH CONCERNS & EFFECTS:

Alcohol and drug use can start out as experimentation or casual use but progress into problem use or dependence for some individuals. The abuse of alcohol and other drugs can erode the foundation of the University's goals and objectives and diminishes the personal attainment of intellectual, social, physical, and emotional growth and development.

While using substances at any level cannot be deemed completely "safe," there are some steps that individuals can take to reduce the impact of substance use. This is often referred to as "responsible use." It is generally believed that occasional and moderate use of legal drugs is safe for most healthy adults over the age of 21.

In cases of intoxication for alcohol or drug poisoning, the primary concern is the health and safety of the individual(s) involved. Individuals are strongly encouraged to call for medical assistance for themselves or for a friend/acquaintance who is dangerously intoxicated. Unless there are extenuating circumstances, no student seeking medical treatment for an alcohol or drug overdose on campus will be subject to legal issues by the GVSU Police Department or the Ottawa County Sherriff's Office for the sole violation of using or possessing personal amounts of alcohol or drugs. This policy extends to another student seeking help for the intoxicated student, unless there are extenuating circumstances. Students will be reported to the Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution and may still be required to attend alcohol or drug education services as a result of an incident.

SANCTION GUIDELINES:

GVSU takes all substance abuse and illegal drug use seriously. All violations of alcohol and other drug policy will result in a report to the Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution. Students should be aware that any illegal drug convictions may also impact their ability to receive federal financial aid.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy

www.gvsu.edu/policies

Smoking Policy

www.gvsu.edu/policies

Student Code

www.gvsu.edu/studentcode

Conference and Event Planning

www.gvsu.edu/meetatgvsu

Housing and Residence Life

www.gvsu.edu/housing/students/cls

Intercollegiate Athletics Fan Guides

gvsulakers.com/sports/2014/6/4/fanguide.aspx

Annual Security and Fire Safety Report

www.gvsu.edu/dps

Conference and Event Planning

www.gvsu.edu/meetatgvsu

Event Services

www.gvsu.edu/eventservices

Student Organizations

www.gvsu.edu/studentorg