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Q&A



separating alcohol fact from fiction
EVERY TUESDAY IN THE DAILY WILDCAT

Q What happens if I'm caught on campus with alcohol?

A. It depends... 1) on your age and 2) who caught you. If you are under 21 and cited by UAPD for Minor in Possession (MIP), you can be referred to the Dean of Students through the court system. The DOS provides a diversion program for first time misdemeanor cases for the court, meaning the DOS will assign your sanctions. These can include a fee, community service hours, and an alcohol education class. Also, if you are under 21, the Dean's Office will inform your parents of your violation through the Parental Notification Law of 1998.

If you fail to complete your diversion, the Dean's Office will place a hold on your record, preventing you from registering for classes, dropping/adding classes, receiving grades or graduating, and then your case is referred back to the court system for further prosecution.

Diversion through the DOS is a one-time deal and you will have to go to court for any additional violations occurring on campus. That means double sanctions as you will still be sanctioned at UA for a Student Code of Conduct violation.

If you're under 21 and caught with alcohol in a residence hall, you will likely be sanctioned by a community director to complete an alcohol education class for violating Residence Hall Community Standards and the UA Code of Conduct. A notification letter will be sent to your parents, and you will be placed on Deferred Eviction. If you accrue additional violations, you can be evicted from your residence hall (yet you still have to pay the rent for the remainder of the semester). If you miss your sanction deadline, Residence Life will refer your case to the Dean of Students Office for additional sanctioning.

Whether in the residence hall or anywhere else on campus, if it's determined that you need medical assistance based upon excessive alcohol consumption, paramedics are called to assess the situation and possibly transport you to University Medical Center (where you incur additional medical costs).

You can view the Student Code of Conduct and other FAQ's at the Dean of Student's website at www.deanofstudents.arizona.edu. The Residence Life Community Living Guide, which include all Community Standards, can be found at www.life.arizona.edu (search for "policies and procedures").

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UA students drink an average of one day per week or less, and consume an average of 4 drinks when they party.

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