

the **RED CUP**

Q&A



separating alcohol fact from fiction
EVERY TUESDAY IN THE DAILY WILDCAT

Q How much does an MIP cost?

A. Anywhere from \$100 to thousands of dollars. And, an MIP (minor in possession of alcohol) can come with more than monetary costs.

Those caught drinking under the age of 21 may incur sanction fees, court fines, class fees, community service hours, legal fees, and (if evicted from a UA residence hall) the loss of any rent paid.

If you live on campus and are cited for underage drinking, you will be referred to the Dean of Students, located in Old Main. If you live off campus, and are cited by the Tucson Police Department or Pima County Sheriff, plan on a trip or two to the Tucson or Pima County Justice Courts.

The Dean of Students will impose a \$100 sanction and may refer you to their four hour "Personal Responsibility" Class (\$80) or a six hour SHADE alcohol education class at the Campus Health Service (\$100). Off campus, these classes may cost \$140 or more and last eight-sixteen hours.

The fine for an MIP is \$291, according to the Pima Justice Court. The fine for disorderly conduct or unreasonable noise is also \$291. If you live off campus (within the Tucson City limits) and happen to be "red-tagged," you (and your landlord, if applicable) will be fined \$500 each.

If you live in the residence halls, one MIP will put you on "deferred eviction" status. After a second MIP, Residence Life will probably evict you from your hall. Rent that you or your parents paid is non-refundable. One semester of rent at La Paz costs between \$4,000-6,000.

Navigating an MIP can take a lot of time: meeting with the Dean of Students or a judge in the courts, "diversion" class time, travel time, and completing 15 or more hours of mandated community service.

If you aren't "legal" yet, it might be worth checking your bank account and your calendar to see if it is worth the potential costs.



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98% of UA students prefer to date someone who drinks moderately or not at all. (2010 Health & Wellness Survey, N=2,931)



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