

DRUG FREE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES ACT

Amendments of 1989 Policy (Public Law 101-226)

To the Student

Dear Ashland University Student:

Drug abuse, misuse and dependency is a universal concern. The Congress and the President of the United States legislated The Drug Free Schools and Communities Act Amendment of 1989 Policy (Public Law 101-226) to address this societal ill. This law requires all colleges, schools and communities to have programs and policies to educate persons about the intelligent use of alcohol and to eliminate illicit drug use.

Ashland University welcomes the responsibility and is providing the necessary information about drug and alcohol use and abuse, health risks, legal and University sanctions, health and wellness resources and helping services available for our students and employees.

For more detailed information, please refer to the Ashland University Student Handbook or Employee Handbooks. Also, copies of this new law are available for study in the offices of student affairs, personnel, admissions, health center, counseling office and campus security.

On behalf of Ashland University, we strongly encourage your becoming informed about the issues of drug and alcohol and to be more involved in helping to solve this national concern.

Sincerely,

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Vice President for Student Affairs

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Alcohol

Effects of Occasional/Extended Use

- Impotence and infertility • High blood pressure • Heart attacks • Strokes • Cirrhosis of the liver • Cancer of the liver, stomach, esophagus, or larynx • Stomach ulcers • Colitis • Fetal alcohol syndrome • Premature aging • Birth defects • Slowed reactions • Slurred speech • Unconsciousness

Criminal Sanctions/Penalties

- Purchase, possess or consume under 21: A maximum fine of \$1,000 and/or 6 months in jail
- Open container violation: A maximum fine of \$100
- Consumption in a motor vehicle: A maximum confinement of 30 days and/or \$250 fine
- DUI - 4511.19

First Offense: Minimum 3 days in jail, \$300 fine, O.L. suspension 1 year; Maximum 6 months in jail, \$1,000 fine; Financial responsibility insurance for 3 years when you get your license back.

Second or more offenses in 5 years: Minimum jail and fines go up and car immobilization or forfeiture (even if not your car)

Marijuana

Effects of Occasional/Extended Use

- Chronic lung cancer • Brain damage • High blood pressure • Diminished immunity • Premature aging • Impairment of memory • Diminished motor skills • Birth defects • Fetal alcohol syndrome • Mood swings • Loss of ambition • Increased apathy • Decline in school and work performance

Criminal Sanctions/Penalties

- Possession or use: 3-1/2 oz. or less: A state maximum fine of \$100. An Ashland city maximum fine of \$250 and/or 30 days confinement. 3-1/2 oz. or more: A maximum fine of \$250 and/or a maximum confinement of 30 days, drivers license suspension of 6 months to 5 years.
More than 7 oz. of marijuana, 10 g. of hash, or 2 g. of hash oil: A maximum fine of \$5,000 and/or a maximum confinement of 10 years.
- Sell, offer to sell, distribute for sale: Penalty determined by amount possessed: A maximum fine of \$7,500 and/or a maximum confinement of 25 years.

Cocaine: Crack Cocaine

Effects of Occasional/Extended Use

- Seizures • Stroke • Cardiac or respiratory arrest • Convulsions • Delirium and paranoia • Insomnia • Anxiety • Irritability • Nasal problems • Powerful addiction • Disorientation

Criminal Sanctions/Penalties

- Possession or use
Penalty determined by amount possessed: A maximum fine of \$2,500 and/or a maximum confinement of 20 years
- Sell, offer to sell, distribute for sale:
Penalty determined by amount possessed: A maximum fine of \$4 million and/or a maximum confinement of life

Narcotics: Heroin, Opium, Morphine

Effects of Occasional/Extended Use

- Cardiac arrest • Vein inflammation • Insomnia • Serum hepatitis • Convulsions • Skin abscesses • Death • Physical dependence • Difficulty breathing • Nausea • Constricted pupils • Panic

Criminal Sanctions/Penalties

- Possession or use
Penalty determined by amount possessed: A maximum fine of \$2,500 and/or a maximum confinement of two years
- Sell, offer to sell, distribute for sale:
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Other Controlled Substances: LSD, PCP

Effects of Occasional/Extended Use

- Hallucinations • Distortion of senses • Memory loss • Disruption of motor skills • Permanent cognitive damage • Bizarre behavior • Severe disorientation

Criminal Sanctions/Penalties

- Possession or use
Penalty determined by amount possessed: A maximum fine of \$2,500 and/or a maximum confinement of two years
- Sell, offer to sell, distribute for sale:
A maximum fine of \$4 million and/or a maximum confinement of life

Depressants: Barbituates & Tranquilizers

Effects of Occasional/Extended Use

- Death • Coma • Altered perception • Physical dependence • Dangerous withdrawal symptoms • Staggered Walk • Difficulty breathing • Slurred speech • Psychological dependence

Criminal Sanctions/Penalties

- Possession or use
Penalty determined by amount possessed A maximum fine of \$2,500 and/or a maximum confinement of two years
- Sell, offer to sell, distribute for sale:
A maximum fine of \$4 million and/or a maximum confinement of life

University Sanctions

Note: Distribution of controlled substances in or near schools and colleges can result in penalties twice the regular penalties for the same offense. Trafficking in drugs can result in forfeiture of property including: vehicles, vessels, money, or other property.

Ashland University does not permit consumption or possession of alcohol or containers on University property. Sanctions up to dismissal.

The unlawful use, possession, sale, manufacture, or distribution of drugs and alcohol subjects any student or employee to discipline pursuant to established University procedures and to sanctions up to and including suspension or dismissal from the University. Any student or employee violating this policy or otherwise engaging in illegal conduct will also be referred for criminal prosecution.

Support and Resources

University Resources

Substance Abuse Education Office	289-5202
Student Health Center	289-5200
Counseling Center	289-5307
Center for Religious Life	289-5489
Personnel Office	289-5033

Ashland Support Services

Ashland County Council on Alcoholism	289-7675
Appleseed Counseling and Case Management	281-3716 (24 hours)
City of Ashland Health Department	289-0000 (ext. 231)
Samaritan Hospital	289-0491

Hotlines

• Cocaine Help Line	1-800-COCAINE
• Narcotics Anonymous	1-800-451-3000
• National Institute on Drug Abuse	1-800-662-HELP
• Parent Institute for Drug Education	1-800-241-7946
• U.S. Department of Education	1-800-624-0100