

Alcohol Policy

The University and Student Housing are committed to creating a safe and healthy learning environment for all members of the campus community. Therefore, the University and Student Housing will not tolerate alcohol abuse and intoxication, and any use resulting in unacceptable conduct. Violations of State laws pertaining to the possession, use and sale of alcoholic beverages, including underage violations, are enforced on campus. This includes alcohol used for cooking purposes. The following are considered violations of the Fresno State Student Housing Alcohol Policy:

1. Possession of bulk alcoholic beverages, that is, amounts for storage or use that are excessive under the circumstances of personal use, which may include the number of persons present, the type of beverage and the existing degree of intoxication. Kegs, pony kegs, cases of beer/other beverages with an equivalent amount of alcoholic content in any form of container are considered bulk alcohol.
2. Hosting a gathering where alcohol violations are occurring is prohibited. Students who host will face stronger sanctions than those who attend such gatherings.
3. Furnishing alcoholic beverages to anyone under the age of 21. Furnishing includes allowing students under the age of 21 to drink in your room or suite if you are over the age of 21.
4. Alcohol may not be consumed in any public areas including but not limited to bathrooms, hallways, lobbies, balconies, lounges or areas outside the residence halls, including parking lots.
5. Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages by individuals under the age of 21.
6. Possession of beer bongs or items used to facilitate the rapid consumption of alcohol are not allowed.
7. Drinking games, items or other activities that encourage the excessive or rapid consumption of alcohol are not allowed (i.e. beer pong tables).
8. Behavior which is disruptive to the community while under the influence of alcohol.
9. Behavior which is a violation of other Student Housing policies while under the influence of alcohol. **PLEASE NOTE:** Intoxication is not an excuse for violating other Student Housing Policies. Students will be held responsible (both judicially & financially) for their behaviors while intoxicated.
10. Behavior which demonstrates that a student is unable to care for themselves or others.
11. Individual room parties that create disturbances, damage, excessive noise or messes are not allowed in the residence halls. Parties that involve more than one room (i.e. progressives) are not allowed. A maximum number of five individuals will be allowed in each resident room or a total of ten in a suite.
12. Alcohol may not be purchased, sold or delivered in the residence halls. Selling tickets, stamps, chips or receiving required donation, which can be exchanged for or entitle the bearer to consume alcohol, is not allowed under State Alcoholic Beverage Commission regulations.
13. Attending a gathering where alcohol policy violations are occurring is prohibited.
14. Public displays of alcoholic beverage insignias or themes (including posters) that encourage drinking are prohibited.
15. Within a person's living area, displays of containers, boxes, labels, caps and other alcoholic beverage remnants are prohibited.
16. **Given the above guidelines for alcohol in Student Housing, students who are 21 years of age or older may consume alcohol within the following additional guidelines:**
 - Alcoholic beverages must be consumed in student rooms or suites and not in public.
 - Alcoholic beverages must be consumed with doors closed.
 - Alcoholic beverages must be consumed with no minors (under the age of 21) present.
 - Alcoholic beverages may not be stored in common areas of a suite when a resident of the suite is under the age of 21, whether or not that under 21 resident is home at the time the alcohol is stored.
 - All alcoholic beverages must be unopened and concealed while being transported into or through the residence halls. Failure to do so will result in confiscation and immediate disposal of the beverage.
 - Residents who are 21 years of age or older in group areas (wings/floors/suites/buildings) that show a disregard for the alcohol policy may have the right to consume alcohol withdrawn at the discretion of the Director of Housing or designee.
 - After consuming alcohol, beverage containers must be disposed of immediately. Storing empty containers for the purposes of recycling is prohibited.

Staff may request to smell/see a beverage in your possession for identification purposes.