

## ALCOHOL POLICY

The University of Pittsburgh at Titusville prohibits the possession, consumption, or sale of alcoholic beverages on campus by all students and their guests, including those of legal age. UPT students are adults. As members of the University community they are expected to obey the laws and take personal responsibility for their conduct. Our policy has been designed to assure that Campus regulations, City ordinances, and Pennsylvania laws are complied with. **Any** and **all** violations are subject to criminal prosecution as well as Campus disciplinary actions.

Students should be **aware** that the City of Titusville has an open container law, Sec. 741.01 "Consumption of Alcoholic Beverage or Possession of Open Container" whereby it is unlawful for **any** person to consume or possess alcoholic beverages on the sidewalks, streets, avenues, alleys, playgrounds, parks (including Burgess Park), parking lots, or other public places within the City of Titusville. Any person violating said ordinance shall, upon conviction, pay a fine not exceeding \$300 and all costs of prosecution. Any students and their guests under the age of 21, in violation of this policy, shall also be subject to Sec. 6308 of Title 18 Pennsylvania Crimes Code Violations can result in a fine of not more than \$500, and upon conviction of a first offense, also subject the person to a 90 day suspension of their operating privileges by the Department of Transportation. A second offense warrants a one- year suspension. (Ref. Title 18 Section 6310.4).

In accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, persons under the age of 21 are prohibited from possessing or consuming alcoholic beverages. Violators of any section of the policy will be subject to University Judicial sanctions and criminal prosecution in accordance with Pennsylvania law.

Any adverse behavior resulting from the consumption of alcoholic beverages will be considered a violation of the code. This includes any incidence of intoxication which manifests itself to the campus community. Any additional guidelines regarding the possession and/or use of alcoholic beverages will be an addendum to this statement and subject to enforcement by Student Life and Campus Police.

If found guilty through the University Judicial System of an alcohol violation, sanctions may include, but are not limited to the following:

**First Violation:** Parental notification, referral to Alcohol 101 educational session, 15 weeks disciplinary probation, and assessment of a \$100 fine. Failure to complete the Alcohol 101 educational session shall result in an additional \$50 fine.

**Second Violation:** Parental notification, mandatory one-on-one consultation with campus counselor, one year disciplinary probation, and a \$150 fine. Failure to follow through with one-on-one consultation would result in an additional \$100 fine.

**Third Violation:** Parental notification, residence hall housing suspension and career disciplinary probation. The student may return to the residence halls after one semester with proof of contact and fulfillment of contract with certified addiction specialist.

***The possession of any empty alcoholic beverage container, or any alcohol paraphernalia is prohibited on campus. The sanction for this violation is a \$50 fine. A student may receive one semester residence hall suspension depending on quantity of alcohol found and severity of incident.***

Anyone over the age of 21 commits a misdemeanor of the third degree if he/she knowingly or intentionally furnishes alcohol to minors, under Sec. 6310.1 of Title 18. Possession of large quantities of alcohol by any student are considered flagrant violations and will not be tolerated. Persons sponsoring such parties are subject to criminal prosecution, suspension from the residence halls or from the University.

**A student's presence in a room where an alcohol violation is occurring may cause that student to be considered an accomplice even if the student is not participating directly in such a violation.**