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Policy Statement

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Holy Family University strives to educate its students to assume lifelong responsibilities towards God, society, and self. We are also committed to the personal health and safety of all individuals. We are here to help students become well rounded individuals ready to join society once they leave our university. In pursuing these community goals, all students, Registered Student Organizations, faculty and staff are required to comply with applicable state laws and University policies regarding alcohol.

Members of the residence hall community must abide by the University's alcohol policy. The misuse of alcohol often has a negative impact on individuals and entire communities. Through education and enforcement, the Office of Residence Life seeks to encourage resident students' adherence to the law and to University policy. The Office of Residence Life further expects students over the age of 21 who choose to drink alcohol to do so responsibly and with no disruption to the residential community. In accordance with the law and with the University's alcohol policy, the following regulations apply to the possession and/or use of alcohol in the residence halls:

1. Any person under the age of 21 in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania may not lawfully possess, consume, purchase, attempt to purchase or transport alcoholic beverages.
2. Giving alcohol to any person under the age of 21 or enabling underage drinking is strictly prohibited. Violations that result in disorderly, disruptive or dangerous behavior, damages, injury, or other criminal activity will be handled in a more serious manner in the conduct process.
3. Residing on campus and the possession/consumption of alcoholic beverages on campus is a privilege and not a right. Therefore, regardless of age, the following policies apply within University property:
 - a. Residents who are 21 or older may possess a limited and reasonable quantity of alcoholic beverages for their own personal consumption. Amounts over this may be confiscated by University personnel.
 - b. Non-Holy Family University guests are not permitted to possess alcohol in residence halls.
 - c. Consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in common areas of residence halls, including hallways, lounges, lobbies, stairwells, and bathrooms.

- d. Alcoholic beverages may not be possessed or consumed in academic, administrative, or public areas of campus without authorization from appropriate University officials.
- e. Common source containers of alcoholic beverages, including beer kegs and alcoholic punch ("jungle juice"), are prohibited in residence halls and on University property.
- f. The possession, consumption, or furnishing of alcoholic punch, caffeinated alcohol, powdered alcohol, grain alcohol, or gelatin shots is prohibited within University residence halls and on University property.
- g. Participation in drinking games, consuming shots of alcohol, and any type of binge drinking (i.e. chugging, "shot-gunning," etc.) is prohibited in residence halls and on University property. Simulated drinking games are prohibited regardless of whether or not alcohol is present.
- h. Possession or use of binge drinking paraphernalia or any instrument of alcohol abuse (i.e. funnels, beer pong tables, etc.) is prohibited in residence halls and on University property.
- i. Alcoholic beverages can only be consumed by residents who are 21 years of age and older. If you have a roommate that is under 21, you may consume in front of them. If there are guests in the room under 21, you may not consume alcohol.

The University provides services and resources for community members who experience alcohol and/or other drug related difficulties. The following programs are available for students:

- Alcoholics Anonymous – aa.org
- College and Universities Alcoholics Anonymous -jeremyfrankphd.com/college-and-university-alcoholics-anonymous-meetings
- Southeastern Pennsylvania Intergroup Association of Alcoholics Anonymous - sepennaa.org;
- Al-Anon – pa-al-anon.org
- Narcotics Anonymous – naworks.org
- ULifeline - ulifeline.org
- Friends Hospital CRC – 1- (800) 889-0548 or (215) 831-2600
- Bucks County Mental Health Delegate - 1-800-499-7455

Holy Family University reserves the right to sanction students who violate the law and/or our Alcohol Policies (both on and off campus). Violations may result in the full range of

sanctions such as warnings, fines, disciplinary probation (plus other disciplinary measures) up to and including suspension or expulsion from the University. Subsequent violations, excessive quantities of alcohol, and/or aggravating factors will result in more severe sanctions.

The University prohibits students to consume or possess alcohol under any circumstances.

The possession, use, distribution of alcohol, or possession of paraphernalia by members of the University community may result in disciplinary action. Intoxication, disorderliness, or offensive behavior that may be related to alcohol will also result in disciplinary action. The policy also extends to University-related events conducted off campus. The University, under strict approval of the President, may conduct specialized events where alcohol is served; these events must be properly registered and steps must be taken to prevent under-age consumption.

It is unlawful to sell, furnish or provide alcohol to a person under the age of 21. The possession of alcohol by anyone under 21 years of age in a public place is illegal. It is also a violation of the Holy Family University policy for anyone to consume or possess alcohol in any public or private area of campus without prior University approval.

Members of the University community are expected to be aware of and obey state and municipal laws or ordinances regulating the use, possession or sale of alcoholic beverages and federal and state laws regarding controlled substances. Those who are cited for violations of laws or ordinances by state, federal, or municipal authorities may also face University disciplinary proceedings and may be required to pursue counseling, an educational program, or treatment. Resident students should reference the Residence Life Policies outlined in this Student Handbook for specific information regarding expectations of resident students with regard to the alcohol policy.

Examples of alcohol violations include, but are not limited to:

- Possession and/or consumption of alcohol;
- Knowingly furnishing, transporting, and/or allowing minors to consume alcohol;
- Use of alcohol resulting in involuntary, erratic and/or abusive behavior;
- Possession of a keg, beer ball or other common source alcohol containers;
- Involvement in the high-risk use of alcohol;
- Persons observed in a residence on campus or off-campus when an open container of alcohol is present; and
- Open container of alcohol in a public area.

References

As noted in our Annual Safety Report, there are state and local laws including, but not limited to, Title 18 (Pennsylvania Crimes Code) and Title 75 (the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code) that impose significant criminal penalties if violated:

Title 18: Note, in particular, Sections 5505 (Public Drunkenness); 6307 (Misrepresentation of Age to Purchase Liquor or Malt Policies, Regulations, Statements and Guidelines Brewed Beverages (Beer)); 6308 (Purchase, Consumption, Possession or Transportation of Liquor or Malt or Brewed Beverage by a Minor); 6310.1 (Selling or Furnishing Liquor or Malt or Brewed Beverages to Minors); 6310.7 (Selling or Furnishing Non-Alcoholic Beverages to Persons Under 21); 6310.2 (Manufacture or Sale of False Identification Card); 6310.3 (Carrying a False ID); and, 3809 (Restriction on Alcoholic Beverages (Open Container)). Title 75: Note, in particular, Sections 3718 (Minor Prohibited from Operating with Any Alcohol in System); 3802 (Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or Controlled Substance); 3802(a) (General Impairment); 3802(b) (High Rate of Alcohol); 3802(c) (Highest Rate of Alcohol); 3802(d) (Controlled Substances); 3802 (e) (Minors); 3802(f) (Commercial or School Vehicles); 3735 (Homicide by Vehicle While Driving under the Influence); and, 3735.1 (Aggravated Assault by Vehicle while Driving under the Influence).