

DRUGS/ ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES/ TOBACCO PRODUCTS

Because of the desire to protect the health and lives of everyone in the Howard Payne University community, smoking is banned in all University facilities. Smoking and use of smokeless tobacco have been documented to be injurious to one's health and to violate the health and rights of non-smokers. Tobacco use of all kinds is prohibited in all campus buildings, and within 15 feet of any building entrance.

Howard Payne University prohibits the use of illegal drugs both on and off campus because they are detrimental to the physical, psychological, social, and spiritual well being of the individual. For the same reasons, the use or possession of alcohol on campus, at a University-sponsored event or trip, or in any manner that violates municipal, county, state, or federal law is prohibited. Abuses of substances also impede the student's academic progress and thus work against the very purpose of the University. HPU intends to cooperate fully with the Federal Government, the State of Texas, and local authorities in the war against drug and alcohol abuse.

In compliance with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989 (Public Law 101-226), Howard Payne University supports the reports prepared by the Surgeon General and asserts that drugs and alcohol have proven to be hazardous to the health and well being of students and employees.

As a practical matter of enforcement and in order to prevent disagreements regarding violations of the alcohol policy and health hazards, empty alcoholic beverage containers are not permitted on campus. Such containers, if observed by staff, will result in students being charged with an alcohol violation.

The University expects its students to obey the law. Therefore, a violation of alcohol or drug laws while admitted to the University, wherever that violation occurs, is a violation of the University's Student Conduct code.

Further, it is a violation of the University's expectations for a student to drink, possess, or be impaired by drinking, alcoholic beverages, or to possess, use, or be under the influence of, illegal drugs or non-prescription hallucinatory drugs, on campus or at any event sponsored by the University or by a University-approved student organization. Without limiting the foregoing, this prohibition specifically includes any University sponsored trip.

Students may be requested to provide proof that use of prescription drugs or other controlled substances are under the supervision of a medical doctor. Students must provide this proof immediately upon demand by a University official. It is illegal to provide prescription drug(s) to another person. Using another person's prescription drug(s) is also illegal.

The University encourages students to notify their parents or guardians if the student is found to have acted in violation of this policy. If the University, through its judicial procedures, determines that a student has violated this policy, the University may disclose the violation to a student's parent or legal guardian if the student is under 21 years of age at the time of the notification.

Violation of this policy may result in any sanction deemed appropriate by the University, including, but not limited to, required participation in a drug or alcohol treatment or rehabilitation program, suspension, or expulsion. The University may refer any violation of the law to the proper law enforcement authorities.

Drug Testing Policy

Designated University officials reserve the right to