

Party Smart Guide

Fall 2015 On-Campus Edition

The purpose of this guide is to give you helpful information. We hope the information keeps you safe and helps you have a successful year at Penn State.

Helpful tips if an RA knocks on your door

- Open the door without delaying. A delay suggests you might be hiding something.
- Stay calm and be polite.
- Provide correct identification.
- Do not leave the area until the RA says it's ok to leave.

If you fail to do these things, the police may be called.

Fact: It is a violation of the code of conduct to consume, possess, or be in the presence of alcohol in your residence hall room.



Stay smart in the residence halls

- Limit the number of visitors in your room.
- Make sure you know your visitors and they know the rules.
- Keep the volume down, including music, video games and voices.
- Don't keep alcohol bottles or paraphernalia in your room.
- Make a plan with your roommate and stick to it.

The on-campus alcohol policy

- The possession or use of alcoholic beverages is **prohibited** in ALL Penn State on-campus undergraduate residence hall buildings, including White Course Apartments, Nittany Apartments, and Eastview Terrace. This policy applies to all students and GUESTS regardless of whether they are 21 years of age.
- Residents and guests are also prohibited from being in the presence of alcohol in the residence halls.
- The host of a gathering in the residence halls may be subject to additional charges such as party responsibility and/or distribution of alcohol.

Source: www.hfs.psu.edu/housing/housing-contracts/terms-and-conditions/

Tips for interacting with a Police Officer

- Stay calm and be polite
- Provide your correct identification, if asked
- Do not run from or fight with the officer
- Ask if you are free to leave

Failing to provide ID, running, fighting, arguing or trying to avoid answering your door will likely result in more serious charges.

Following these tips will minimize negative outcomes.

Avoid getting an alcohol violation:

- Don't carry a container of alcohol.
- Don't draw attention to yourself (i. e., by being loud or by urinating outside).
- Don't be visibly drunk in any public place on or off campus. This includes tailgate areas and any area on or off campus. This is a violation regardless of age.
- Don't walk home alone. Have a friend with you or use Penn State's SAFE WALK, 814-865-9255.
- Don't drink if you are under 21.

Penn State's Code of Conduct applies on and off campus

If you are involved with a violation or an alleged violation of the Student Code of Conduct on or off campus, you may be charged criminally by local authorities and face fines, jail and other penalties for the incident. Additionally, the incident will be reviewed by the Office of Student Conduct and you may face sanctions by the University. These are separate and distinct processes and in such cases you will likely have to respond to both the University's Conduct Process as well as the Criminal Process for the same event.

Remember: The Code of Conduct applies on University grounds, in State College and surrounding municipalities, on all Penn State campuses, and during all official activities including, but not limited to, canning weekends, internships, study abroad experiences, and away sporting events.

If you have a first-time violation for underage consumption or possession, you will receive, at a minimum, a conduct warning. You will also be required by Penn State to attend the BASICS program which has a \$200 fee. The local magistrate may also require you to complete a Youthful Offenders Program. In State College, the fee for YOP is \$250.

If you have a first-time violation for excessive consumption or driving while impaired, at a minimum, you will be placed on conduct probation. You will also be required by Penn State to attend the BASICS program which has a \$200 fee.

Remember, it is illegal to drink if you're under 21.






Alcohol Laws in Pennsylvania

Furnishing to Minors

It is illegal to knowingly sell or furnish, or purchase with the intent to sell or furnish, any liquor, malt or brewed beverage to a person who is less than 21 years of age. You can be convicted of furnishing alcohol even if you are under age 21. The fine for a first offense is at least \$1,000 and a second or subsequent offense is \$2,500. Jail is up to one year for an offense. This offense may result in a permanent criminal record.

Underage Drinking

It is illegal to consume an alcoholic beverage if you are under 21. It is also illegal for anyone under 21 years of age to attempt to purchase, consume, possess, or knowingly and intentionally transport any liquor, malt or brewed beverage. Penalties may include:



Fine	Jail	License Suspension
		
1st Offense 0-\$500	1st Offense 0-90 Days	1st Offense 90 Days
2nd Offense 0-\$1,000	2nd Offense 0-90 Days	2nd Offense 1 year
Subsequent Offense 0-\$1,000	Subsequent Offense 0-90 Days	Subsequent Offense 2 years

Police are required by law to notify parents or guardians of all underage drinking violations.

Note: The underage drinking law includes possessing and transporting alcohol.

Carrying False I.D.

It is illegal for anyone under 21 to possess an ID card that falsely identifies the person by name, age, date of birth, or photograph as being 21 or older. If the ID is a fake driver's license more serious penalties may apply.

Fine	Jail	License Suspension
		
1st Offense 0-\$300	1st Offense 0-90 Days	1st Offense 90 Days
2nd Offense 0-\$500	2nd Offense 0-1 year	2nd Offense 1 Year
Subsequent Offense 0-\$500	Subsequent Offense 0-1 year	Subsequent Offense 2 Years

Public Drunkenness

It is illegal to be in any public place under the influence of alcohol to the degree that you may endanger yourself or other persons or property, or annoy others in your vicinity.

Fine	Jail
	
1st Offense 0-\$500	1st Offense 0-90 Days
2nd Offense 0-\$1,000	2nd Offense 0-90 Days
Subsequent Offense 0-\$1,000	Subsequent Offense 0-90 Days

Driving Under the Influence

It is illegal for anyone under 21 to drive a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .02 or higher. It is illegal for anyone 21 and older to drive with a blood alcohol content of .08 or higher. If you have a first-time violation, under certain circumstances, you may qualify for an Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition (ARD) program.

If you are convicted of a DUI when under 21 and have a blood alcohol content below .16, penalties may include:

Penalty	1st Offense	2nd Offense	Subsequent Offense
Fine	\$500 - \$5,000	\$750 - \$5,000	\$1,500 - \$10,000
Jail	48 hours- 6 months	30 days - 6 months	90 days - 5 years
License Suspension	1 year	1 year	1.5 years suspension
Other	Alcohol Highway Safety School Court Reporting Network File	1 year Ignition Interlock License Alcohol Highway Safety School Court Reporting Network File	1 year Ignition Interlock License Court Reporting Network File

Penalties differ based on age, blood alcohol content and other factors.

Need a ride home? Call a friend or a taxi.

AA Taxis Inc.
814.231.8294

Handy Delivery
814.355.5555

Penn State SAFE WALK
814-865-WALK (9255)

Nittany Taxi
814.867.4646

Happy Valley RIDE
814.237.7433



State College Ordinances You Need to Know

Open Container Ordinance

It is illegal to have an open container of alcohol in any public area (i.e., parking lot, parking garage, public street, sidewalk, alley, or park) in State College. Fines range from \$100 to \$600 plus court costs or 30 days in prison if fines and costs are not paid.

Public Urination and Defecation Ordinance

It is illegal to urinate or defecate in/on a public area, on private property where the public is admitted or on private property without the consent of the owner. It is illegal to urinate or defecate in any public place other than in an appropriate sanitary facility or fail to clean, remove, or dispose of it properly. Fines range from \$300 to \$600 plus court costs.

Alcohol poisoning is a medical emergency!

Know the signs:

- Passed out or difficult to wake
- Cold, clammy, pale, or bluish skin
- Slowed breathing
- Vomiting while asleep or awake

Know how to help:

- Turn a vomiting person on his or her side to prevent choking
- Clear vomit from the mouth
- Keep the person awake
- NEVER leave the person unattended

If you suspect that someone may need medical assistance, CALL 911. You could save someone's life.



What is a standard drink?



ONE DRINK = 12 oz BEER = 5 oz WINE (1/2 GLASS) = 1.5 oz LIQUOR (80 PROOF) = 1 MIXED DRINK (MADE W/1 SHOT)

If I'm under 21 and get help for someone who is passed out, will I get in trouble?

Pennsylvania's Medical Amnesty Law

If an individual, in good faith, calls and believes they are the first to call 911, police, ambulance or campus security, gives their name and stays with the person to prevent that person's death or serious injury, the caller is immune from prosecution for consumption or possession of alcohol.

Penn State's Responsible Action Protocol

Students who act responsibly by notifying the appropriate authorities (e.g., calling 911, alerting a resident assistant, contacting police) typically will not face University disciplinary action for their own alcohol violations, unless they are responsible for other violations (e.g., vandalism, assault) as well. However, these students will be required to attend BASICS or a similar program; the fee will be waived.

Before going out...

- Make a plan with your friends about how much you will drink. Make sure you and your friends stick to it.
- Agree to use the Buddy System. Stay together at the party. Check in with each other throughout the night.
- Never leave a friend alone at a party.
- Never let your friend walk home alone at night.

Alcohol & Sexual Assault

Most cases of sexual assault at Penn State involve drug or alcohol use by one or both of the people involved. At Penn State, like most other college campuses, alcohol is the most common date rape drug.

Why is alcohol use so common in sexual assault?

- Alcohol can cloud your judgment.
- Alcohol will make it difficult to tell if a situation or a person is dangerous.
- Alcohol can affect your ability to give consent or know if your partner is giving consent.

Fact: Someone who is visibly drunk or passed out cannot consent to sexual activity.

What is consent?

At the heart of consent is the idea that every person has the right to determine whether or not they engage in sexual activity. Consent exists when there is clear, knowing and voluntary agreement to engage in mutually agreed-upon sexual activity. Consent may be communicated through verbal or non-verbal expression, and cannot be inferred from the absence of a "no." Consent cannot be gained by threat, coercion, intimidation, or force.

Tip: If you see your friend leaving a party with someone, check to see if they are OK. If your friend seems out of it, then have them leave the party with you. Walk your friend home.

What to do if your friend has been sexually assaulted:

- Get the victim to a safe place as soon as possible
- Try to preserve all physical evidence
- Get medical attention as soon as possible
- Contact a close friend who can be with the victim for support
- Consider talking to a counselor
- Visit the SHARE website, psu.edu/share

How to support a friend who has been assaulted:

- Believe your friend
- Never blame your friend
- Be non-judgmental
- Respect your friend's decisions
- Validate your friend's feelings
- Encourage your friend to get support

For more information visit the Center for Women Students website: studentaffairs.psu.edu/womenscenter/rapeandsexualassault/

Resources for sexual violence

Penn State

- Center for Women Students
814-863-2027
- Counseling and Psychological Services
814-863-0395
- University Health Services
24/7 Nurse Advice Line
814-863-4463
- Penn State Police
814-863-1111
- Student Conduct
814-863-0342
- SHARE website
psu.edu/share

Centre County

- Centre County Women's Resource Center
814-234-5050 (24-hour hotline)
- Mount Nittany Medical Center
814-231-7000
- State College Police
814-234-7150



On-Campus Resources

Counseling and Psychological Services - 814-863-0395
Emergencies - 814-863-1111
University Health Services- Appointments - 814-863-0774
24/7 Nurse Advice Line - 814-863-4463
Penn State University Police Services -814-863-1111
Penn State SAFE WALK - 814-865-WALK (9255)



Off-Campus Resources

Centre County Women's Resource Center - 814-234-5050
Community Help Center - 814-237-5855
Emergencies - 911
Mouny Nittany Medical Center - 814-231-7000
State College Police - 814-234-7150



Legal Resources

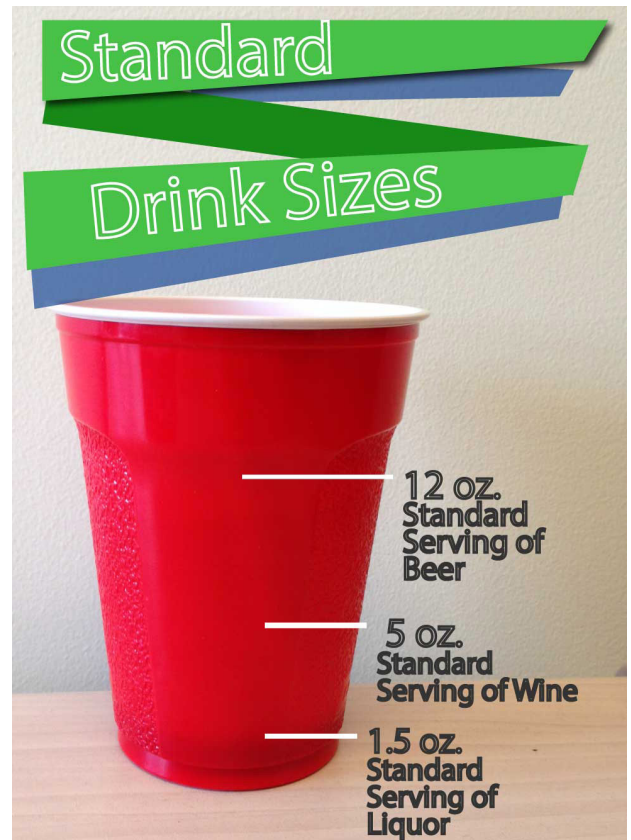
Penn State Legal Services – 814-867-4388
Mid Penn Legal Services – 814-238-4958

Top 5 strategies used by Penn State students

1. Eat food or a meal before pre-gaming or going out
2. Set a limit of how much you'll drink before you start pre-gaming
3. Keep count of your drinks, including the pre-gaming ones
4. Drink plenty of water to stay hydrated
5. Keep it to about one standard drink per hour

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Do you know how much is in your cup?





Penn State University Health Services
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University Park, PA 16802



John Doe
1234 Blah Blah Drive
Somewhere, PA 12345

*My friend Mike the Mailman
says: Want to save money?
Want to win cool prizes? Read
this guide & take the quiz at
<http://bit.ly/1Jqv6Zz>*



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