

STUDENT AFFAIRS

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To: All University of San Diego Students

From: Carmen M. Vazquez, Vice President, Student Affairs

Re: USD Alcohol and Other Drug Resources & Policies – Part 86 letter

Dear USD Student,

As you are well aware, the use and/or abuse of alcohol and other drugs can have a negative impact on the well-being of college students and on our USD community. In an effort to educate, call our community to action, help those in need, and comply with Part 86 of the Drug Free Schools and Campuses regulations, this in-depth memorandum is being provided to the USD student community. I ask for your compliance with alcohol and other drug policies and encourage your active participation in fostering a responsible, safe, and caring community. Please keep this memorandum as a resource for you to refer to throughout the academic year.

This memorandum will outline the following: (1) a description of campus resources available to students including prevention and treatment resources, (2) applicable federal, state, and legal sanctions, (3) USD sanctions, as outlined in the USD Student Code of Rights and Responsibilities, and (4) a description of the health risks associated with the use and/or abuse of alcohol and other drugs.

CAMPUS RESOURCES:

Knowing how to cope with problems and keeping yourself informed are important steps in successfully navigating the rigorous demands of college life.

Resources and referrals are available for students who have concerns regarding their own or someone else's use of alcohol and/or other drugs. For information and assistance, students are encouraged to contact one of the following offices:

Center for Health and Wellness Promotion
Hahn University Center, Room 161
619-260-4618
www.sandiego.edu/chwp

Counseling Center
Serra Hall, Room 300
619-260-4655
www.sandiego.edu/usdcc

Student Health Center
Maher Hall, Room 140
619-260-4595
www.sandiego.edu/healthcenter

USD Public Safety
Hughes Administration Hall, Room 151
619-260-7777 (non-emergency number)
619-260-2222 (24 hour emergency number)
www.sandiego.edu/safety

- If you discover someone who is excessively intoxicated, unconscious, or in need of emergency assistance, do not hesitate to immediately dial the Department of Public Safety at 619-260-2222 (extension x2222 if on campus), or 911 if off campus. Doing so may save someone's life.

Further, USD provides useful and informative preventative education programs throughout the year. A variety of departments sponsor programs, workshops, and lectures on alcohol and other drug issues to support healthy lifestyles. For an up to date listing of these programs, please refer to the Torero Life webpage at www.sandiego.edu/torerolife.

LAWS AND CAMPUS POLICIES:

In California, it is illegal for anyone under the age of 21 to consume, purchase, or possess alcohol. If you violate these laws you are subject to a fine of at least \$250 and suspension of driving privileges. For more information about California laws, visit the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control at www.abc.ca.gov/LawsRulesReg.html.

Campus standards of conduct are outlined in the USD Student Code of Rights and Responsibilities (The Code). As a member of the USD student community, you are responsible for your behavior and are fully accountable for your actions, both on and off campus.

Campus standards prohibit the sale, distribution, use, and possession of illicit drugs on University property or as any part of University-sponsored events or activities. Students who violate these standards of conduct will face conduct proceedings and may face suspension or expulsion from the University. In addition, the University will cooperate with governmental authorities in criminal and civil actions. The University does not accept alcohol or other drug use as an excuse for any conduct violation. For a complete outline of the University's alcohol and other drug policies, please visit www.sandiego.edu/conduct/the_code.

Students who possess, use, or distribute illegal or controlled substances (e.g. marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamines, unauthorized prescription medications) are subject to fines, arrest, and imprisonment in accordance with University policies regarding illicit drugs and state and federal laws. Possession, consumption, or sale of beer or wine is only permitted at designated campus locations with prior written approval from the designated representative of the Vice President, Student Affairs.

Residential Life, Athletics, Greek Life and other programs have additional policies regarding alcohol and other drugs. Please contact the relevant administrative offices for more information.

In accordance with FERPA 34 C.R.F. & 99.31 and the Higher Education Amendment of 1998, the parent(s) of a student who is under the age of 21 may be notified by a representative from the Office of Student Affairs in connection with the use or possession of alcohol and/or an illegal or controlled substance which is in violation of law or institutional policy.

USD is a private university and considered private property. The USD Department of Public Safety is charged with the primary responsibility of maintaining a safe campus environment at USD. The authority to enforce University of San Diego policy is established by the Board of Trustees. The San Diego Police Department (SDPD), through a Memorandum of Understanding, permits USD Public Safety to investigate misdemeanor crimes occurring on USD property. The SDPD, however, is the primary reporting and investigating agency for any violent crimes or other felonies that might occur on USD property.

The USD Department of Public Safety is empowered to enforce state laws (misdemeanors only) and San Diego Municipal Code and University regulations such as possession of alcohol by a minor, public drunkenness, driving under the influence, local noise abatement laws, and social host ordinances. For additional information about the Department of Public Safety, please visit www.sandiego.edu/safety.

ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG HEALTH RISKS:

The use and abuse of alcohol and other drugs can cause a number of problematic changes in behavior and physiology. Alcohol or substance dependence occurs when a person continues their use despite recurrent social, interpersonal, physical, and/or legal consequences. For basic information about the risk of alcohol and other drugs, please visit www.sandiego.edu/chwp/resources/aodhealthrisks.php.

USD is committed to upholding the alcohol and other drug policies outlined in the USD Student Code of Rights and Responsibilities. These policies, combined with alcohol and other drug prevention programs, intervention resources and environmental management strategies, contribute greatly to the overall wellness and safety of both the individual student and the greater USD community.

Sincerely,

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