

SMART & SAFE AT STATE

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How to throw a safe and trouble free party

- Keep the size within occupancy limits. Everyone should fit in the space you have. Don't overflow the driveway or the neighbor's yard.
- Be a good neighbor and tell your neighbors about the party. Encourage them to contact you FIRST if there's a problem. Give them your name and phone number so they can call you.
- Know your guests. Only invite people you know and trust. Turn away anyone who is visibly intoxicated. You are legally responsible for the actions of everyone at the party.
- Keep the noise within reason. If your party is too loud, the police are likely to show up.
- Provide non-alcoholic drinks and food.
- Designate a housemate as the sober host. This person can keep tabs on the noise, number of guests, and other potential problems.
- Don't serve alcohol to minors. Don't overserve alcohol to guests.
- Provide trash and recycling containers. Clean up any trash as soon as the party is over to avoid getting a fine.

Three things you need to know if you live in the Borough of State College

Nuisance Property Points

All rental properties are subject to the Rental Suspension Ordinance. This means if your rental property accumulates 10 points within 12 months the owner could lose his or her ability to rent the property at the end of the current lease. Properties may have pre-existing points assigned to their rental permit at the time you begin your lease. To learn more, go to www.statecollegepa.us/nuisanceproperty.

Refuse Ordinance

It is illegal to improperly dispose of refuse (garbage) or recyclables, including party materials such as cans, cups, and bottles. Party related trash and recyclables should be cleaned up immediately after a party. A citation can be issued for repeated or egregious circumstances. Fines range from \$300 to \$1,000.

Noise Ordinance

If noise from a residence is considered unreasonable, the police can issue a citation at any time. The ordinance can be enforced when complaints are made or when officers observe unreasonable noise. There is no legal right or guarantee to a warning.

The following factors will be taken into account when deciding to issue a citation, but are not limited to, the intensity of the noise, time of day, day of week, duration of noise, if the sound is temporary, and if the property has received prior warnings or complaints.

Fines include: \$750 for the first offense and \$1,000 for any subsequent offenses in any 120-day period or 30 days in prison if fines are not paid.



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at <http://tinyurl.com/safeatstate>

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

ON & 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.

For more information on the Code of Conduct, visit the Office of Student Conduct website at studentaffairs.psu.edu/conduct/policies/offcampus.html.

FIRST VIOLATION

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. A letter will also be sent home as part of our parental notification policy for any alcohol or drug violation.

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.

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

AVOID GETTING AN ALCOHOL VIOLATION:

- Don't carry an open 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-WALK (9255).
- Don't drink if you are under 21.

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

If the police show up at your door, answer the door and turn any music off. Have the designated sober resident talk to the police.

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.

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 2nd Offense 0-\$1,000 Subsequent Offense 0-\$1,000	 1st Offense 0-90 Days 2nd Offense 0-90 Days Subsequent Offense 0-90 Days	 1st Offense 90 Days 2nd Offense 1 year Subsequent Offense 2 years

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

FACTS

The underage drinking law includes possessing and transporting alcohol - not just consumption.

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

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 2nd Offense 0-\$500 Subsequent Offense 0-\$500	 1st Offense 0-90 Days 2nd Offense 0-1 year Subsequent Offense 0-1 year	 1st Offense 90 Days 2nd Offense 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 2nd Offense 0-\$1,000 Subsequent Offense 0-\$1,000	 1st Offense 0-90 Days 2nd Offense 0-90 Days 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
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.*

State College Ordinances You Need to Know

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 include \$750 for the first offense and \$1,000 for any subsequent offense plus court costs for each violation.

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 include \$250 for the first offense; \$500 for the second offense, and not less than \$1,000 for any subsequent offenses in any 120-day period, plus court costs or 30 days in prison if fines and costs are not paid.

Open Burn Ordinance

It is illegal to have a camp fire or bonfire. Burning is permitted for recreational purposes, but only when using an approved container, such as a grill. Cord wood, 3 hour logs and charcoal are the only acceptable materials. Fires must be contained within the diameter of the container. Fines can be as high as \$600.



Need a ride home? Call a friend or taxi.

AA Taxis Inc.
814.231.8294

Nittany Taxi
814.867.4646

Handy Delivery
814.355.5555

Happy Valley RIDE
814.237.7433

Penn State SAFE WALK
814.865.WALK (9255)

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.

DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH IS IN YOUR CUP?



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.

Top 5 strategies used by Penn State students:

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

WHAT IS A STANDARD DRINK SIZE?



ONE
DRINK

=

12 oz
BEER

=

5 oz
WINE
(1/2 GLASS)

=

1.5 oz
LIQUOR
(80 PROOF)

=

1
MIXED DRINK
(MADE W/1 SHOT)

ALCOHOL & CONSENT

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.

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.

Why is alcohol 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 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/

What resources are available for sexual assault?

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

REMEMBER

THE 3 D'S



WE CARE • WE ACT • WE ARE
standforstate.psu.edu

At Penn State we care about each other and we take action. If you are ever in a situation where another student needs help, Penn State wants you to help that person. There are three ways to take action. We call them the 3 D's.



DIRECT:

Interact with the people involved in the situation and address the things that concern you. Examples include:

- Ask "Are you OK?"
- Say to the person who needs help: "I'm worried about you, can I help you find your friends?"
- Say to the other person: "Why don't you get their number and call them tomorrow."

DISTRACT:

If you see a situation where someone might be in danger, try causing a distraction. Examples include:

- Stick around and don't leave the two individuals alone
- Tell the person who needs help that their friends are looking for them
- Offer to do something with one of the people, like dance or go outside for air

DELEGATE:

When you recognize a concerning situation and you feel like someone else is better suited to handle it, ask someone else to help you. Delegating informs someone else that something needs to be done. Examples include:

- Tell a Resident Assistant (RA)
- Talk to the friends of the student who needs help. Ask them to check-in with their friend and get them home safely
- Call the police

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.

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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 SAFE WALK - 814-865-WALK (9255)



Off-Campus Resources

Centre County Women’s Resource Center - 814-234-5050
Community Help Center - 814-237-5855
Mouny Nittany Medical Center - 814-231-7000
Emergencies - 911
State College Borough - 814-234-7100
State College Community Engagement Office - 814-234-7110



Legal Resources

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



Police Resources

Penn State University Police Services - 814-863-1111
State College Police - 911 or 814-234-7150 (for non-emergencies)

Penn State University Health Services
Student Health Center
University Park, PA 16802



Read this guide for important information you need to know before heading to school!



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