



## Campus Residential Policies

### **Weapons**

Weapons and ammunition are not permitted in campus housing facilities. Examples of weapons include, but are not limited to: guns (BB, pellet, paintball, etc.), knives, tasers, sling shots, etc.

### **Solicitation**

In accordance with University policy, no door to door solicitation will be allowed in campus residential facilities and neighborhoods, including leafleting or verbal proselytizing, voter registration, selling or similar activities. Occasionally, printed advertisements and notices may be hung on building bulletin boards designated for this purpose and only with the consent of the Director of Housing and Residential Life.

### **Incendiary and Flammable Devices and Products**

All items such as candles, incense, barbecues, fireworks, explosives, flammable fluids (such as gasoline, lighter fluid), etc. are prohibited in campus housing facilities.

### **Safety Equipment**

Disabling or tampering with any part of a facility fire alarm/suppression system, causing a false alarm, damaging or discharging a fire extinguisher may lead to eviction and criminal charges. Please report any malfunctioning equipment to the Operations Center immediately.

### **Smoking**

Smoking is not permitted inside campus housing facilities, including patios, or within 25 feet of building entrances or exits. Please dispose of used cigarettes responsibly.

### **Pets**

Campus residents living in single student housing facilities (residence halls and apartments) may keep fish in bowls or aquariums no larger than 20 gallons. Only fish are permitted in residence halls and single student apartment communities.

Only pets approved by the Resident Director will be allowed in Student Family Housing facilities. The Pet Ownership Request must be completed and approved by both the resident and the Resident Director for each pet and prior to the pet(s) being allowed into the unit. A \$100 Pet Damage Deposit is required.

- Residents must prominently display the "Approved Pet" sticker in the front window of the unit.
- Pets may be allowed outside the unit when the unit has an attached and enclosed space (Tom Fort, Sutherland & Cole).
- It is the responsibility of the pet owner to provide care, food and shelter for their pet. Housing and Residential Life staff will contact animal control authorities when cruelty or neglect is suspected.
- The pet owner is solely responsible for maintaining all required vaccinations and medical care for their pet. The owner will be responsible for providing proof of vaccinations upon request.
- The pet owner is responsible for daily waste removal. Pet waste should be placed in a plastic bag in the trash bin.
- Any structure associated with the pet must be approved by the Resident Director.
- Pet owners will be required to take steps to observe Quiet Hour policies.
- Dogs and cats must be leashed at all times when outside the owner's unit or confined space. Animal Control officials will be contacted to seize any loose animals.



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### Alcohol

#### Statement of Purpose

The Regents of New Mexico State University recognize that diversity of opinion and freedom of choice are concepts upon which higher education has been established. Inherent within these two basic concepts are the exercise of individual responsibility and making informed decisions on matters related to personal behavior. These are concepts basic to all American freedoms.

Within the University setting, faculty, staff and students must demonstrate a mutual respect and commitment to the institution's educational mission while at the same time fostering diversity of opinion, freedom of choice, and responsibility. In this regard, the University respects the right of those of legal age to consume alcohol if they so choose, providing they do so in accordance with this policy and all applicable laws.

This Alcohol Policy shall apply to every function or event, including but not limited to receptions, banquets, dinners, picnics, or any outdoor event, social event, and campus-wide activity sponsored by organizations or individuals associated with New Mexico State University. Off-campus events conducted by University approved organizations are bound by this policy.

NMSU recognizes it cannot protect its staff and students from making decisions that could potentially cause harm to themselves or others. NMSU disclaims any intention to assume duties to protect its staff and students from their own abuse of drugs or alcohol or to protect third party persons from conduct of the staff or students.

#### Permissible Use of Alcohol

Where permitted under the policy, the use of alcohol shall be considered a privilege and may be allowed only if consistent with local, state and federal laws and University policy, and only when it does not interfere with the academic atmosphere of the University.

1. Students of legal age are permitted to use alcohol only in a manner consistent with this policy and the Student Code of Conduct.
2. Students who reside on campus and are 21 years of age or older may possess and consume alcohol as permitted by law and in areas designated by the Director of Housing and Residential Life. Refer to the housing policy for those areas designated as "alcohol free."
3. Selling, either directly or indirectly, of alcoholic beverages on campus is prohibited, except in those University facilities possessing a state alcohol license granted under the authority of the Board of Regents, or where pre-approved by the president (or his/her designee) by event type. The president (or his/her designee) has authorization, at his/her discretion, to grant permission for the serving or sale of alcohol at any other on-campus event.

All venues approved for the routine sale of alcoholic beverages must have in place an approved policy for the sale and service of alcoholic beverages.

4. Events occurring on campus involving alcohol must obtain the proper approval/permit. The following shall apply:
  - a. Any event involving alcohol must be registered and approved by the University in order to obtain a proper permit.
  - b. Student groups, campus organizations and Greek affiliates who wish to host events involving alcohol must have proper policies in place, consistent with University policies and local, state and federal laws, before they will be issued a permit for their event.
  - c. Student fees may not be used directly to purchase alcohol. However, in certain cases, student fees may be used to fund events where alcohol may be served, provided the appropriate permits are obtained and applicable policies are adhered to.
  - d. Permits will be issued by the president (or his/her designee).
  - e. State law requires that anyone serving alcohol must complete a class and receive a server's permit.



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### Alcohol—continued

#### **Unacceptable Use of Alcohol**

NMSU discourages the use of alcohol that is inconsistent with local, state and federal laws and University policy. NMSU recognizes that the illegal use of alcohol interferes with the academic environment of this institution and the personal growth of its students.

1. NMSU explicitly prohibits the unlawful use, possession, sale, or distribution of alcohol or controlled substances by all students and employees. Any violation of applicable local, state, and/or federal law is considered to be a violation of this institution's policies.
2. Staff and/or students will be disciplined if their use of alcohol threatens to create disorder, public disturbances, danger to themselves or others, or property damage.
3. Students who have not yet reached legal age are prohibited from purchasing, using, and/or possessing alcohol.
4. Except as outlined by this policy, consumption or possession of alcohol intended for consumption is prohibited on the University campus. Possession of alcohol intended for consumption is permitted for the sole purpose of prompt delivery to a designated, approved location.
5. Open containers of alcohol are prohibited outside of designated areas.
6. Kegs, party balls or common containers are not permitted, unless in conjunction with an event approved by the president (or his/her designee).

#### **Alcohol-Related Misconduct**

1. Possession of false identification. Students found in possession of or attempting to use false identification in order to procure alcohol will be subject to the fullest force and effect of the consequences outlined in this policy and/or the Student Code of Conduct.
2. Alcohol as an aggravating factor to other violations. If alcohol is found to be an aggravating factor in other violations of the Student Code of Conduct and/or local, state and federal laws, the student may be subject to more severe punitive sanctioning.
3. Off-campus violations of Student Code of Conduct. The University reserves the right to impose sanctions upon students and student organizations that violate this policy and/or the Student Code of Conduct, even if such actions occur off-campus.

#### **Consequences for Violations**

1. Students found to be in violation of any of these policies through Student Judicial Services will be subject to disciplinary action ranging from Disciplinary Probation in conjunction with educational sanctioning through Expulsion from the University
2. Students in violation may also be subject to the disciplinary procedures of Housing and Residential Life, if applicable.
3. Staff or students found to be in violation will also be subject to all local, state and federal laws and nothing in this policy shall be construed to protect staff or students from such actions as local, state and/or federal law enforcement deem appropriate. Similarly, if local, state and/or federal law enforcement entities decide not to pursue action against violators, the University reserves the right to process violations through the Student Judicial Services and/or Housing and Residential Life, if applicable.
4. Staff or students who have not been found to be in violation of any of the policies herein who wish to self-identify and seek confidential help through the Employee Assistance Program, Counseling Center and/or the Wellness, Alcohol and Violence Education Program, will not jeopardize their employment or academic status. This benefit will continue as long as the staff member or student refrains from further alcohol misuse and/or abuse.



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### Alcohol - continued

#### **Consequences for Violations - continued**

On days on which an NMSU football game is scheduled at Aggie Memorial Stadium, consumption of alcohol in designated areas is authorized, subject to the restrictions of this policy.

1. Tailgating will be limited to four hours prior to kick-off and two hours after the game ends. (Exceptions to the start /end times of tailgating may be granted based on scheduled kick-off time.)
2. Persons under the age of 21 are prohibited from drinking alcohol in accordance with state and federal laws and University policy.
3. Glass containers are not permitted.
4. Disruptive behavior, disorderly conduct, public drunkenness and similar types of behavior will not be tolerated.
5. Kegs, party balls or common containers of any kind are not permitted.
6. No alcoholic beverages may be brought into the Aggie Memorial Stadium.
7. For those of legal age, the quantity of alcohol beverages one can bring to the tailgate section is limited to the amount one person can reasonably consume.
8. Tailgating activities are allowed in parking lots located within the boundaries of Locust St, east to Triviz and University Ave. south to Wells St. including lot 96 but excluding lots 38, 82, 83, 84, 85 and 89.

If the consumption of alcohol is a normal part of an academic class, written approval for use must be obtained from the Office of the Provost and the Alcohol Review Committee.

This alcohol policy shall apply to all NMSU campuses (main and branches) that have applied for and received a waiver from their respective county jurisdictions.

#### **Physical Abuse/Threats**

Threats (expression of intent to hurt, destroy or punish the victim or another) and abuse of any type will not be tolerated. Engaging in abuse or threats may be grounds for immediate eviction from campus housing in addition other charges and sanctions.