

## **Using or Selling Drugs or Alcohol while on Campus or at College Events**

Columbia does not tolerate the possession, use, or distribution of drugs while on college property or at College events. Besides being dangerous for you, other employees, faculty, students, and family, it is against the law. If you unlawfully manufacture, distribute, use, sell, or possess narcotics, illegal drugs, or controlled substances on college premises or at college-sponsored events, both on and off-campus, disciplinary action will be taken and your affiliation with the college may be terminated, even if it is a first offense. You may also be prosecuted for a criminal offense. Students visiting or living in the Residence Center should refer to the Resident Handbook. An illegal drug includes any drug which is not legally obtainable in the United States, or which is legally obtainable, but is being used in a manner different from that prescribed by a doctor of medicine or intended by the manufacturer. Over-the-counter or prescription medication which is prescribed by a doctor and is being used for its intended purpose, is not considered an illegal drug.

Students, irrespective of age, are not permitted to possess or consume alcohol on campus or at college-sponsored events on or off campus.<sup>1</sup> Faculty, administration, and staff are prohibited from serving or allowing students to consume alcoholic beverages on college premises or at events, meetings, or informal gatherings sponsored by the college. To the extent that students are present at a College-sponsored event where alcohol is being served, event organizers must take measures to ensure that students do not consume alcohol. The Vice President of Student Affairs can make exceptions to this policy as appropriate.

Violation of this policy will result in discipline, which may include immediate suspension or expulsion of students or suspension without pay or termination of employees.

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<sup>1</sup> The Residence Life Handbook sets forth the terms of using alcohol in Columbia's residential facilities.