

# TAKE A



# Shot Q&A

**Q. I got an underage consumption off-campus, now I got a letter from MSU about it. Why do they care?**

**A. What constitutes as a campus Alcohol & Other Drug (AOD) Policy violation?**

Long story short, *any* involvement related to alcohol, medical marijuana, illicit drugs and/or illicit drug paraphernalia is prohibited on campus. That's a no brainer, BUT did you know this policy extends to off-campus behavior as well? AOD policy violations include any alcohol or drug related citation, whether on or off-campus (i.e. underage consumption, possession, detox, social host, disorderly conduct, etc.). For students living in residential halls, being in the presence of alcohol, illicit drugs, and/or illicit drug paraphernalia is also an AOD policy violation.

**What happens if I violate the AOD Policy?**

It depends on the severity of the violation and prior conduct history. AOD Policy violators will be required to complete an educational sanction and pay the associated sanction fee. In addition, one or more of the following may occur: University Warning, Disciplinary Probation, Residential Housing Contract Termination (still required to pay remainder of rent contract), Suspension and/or Expulsion.

**What happens if I don't complete this educational sanction?**

Failing to complete the educational sanction and/or pay the fee in a timely manner isn't recommended, as you'll be dealing with a hold on your account. This hold prevents students from registering for classes and dropping/adding current classes. It also prevents students from obtaining important records such as transcripts and diploma. Our advice to you, *Get er done!*

**Will my parents be notified of my AOD Policy violation?**

Parents are not notified about AOD Policy violations, but sanction fees are billed to e-services. If your parents help with tuition payments, be aware they may see a charge for 'Health Education Fee'. You can pay online through e-services or at the cashier's office to avoid that "fun" conversation with the parental units.

**Will this policy violation show up on my transcript?**

No. However, multiple policy violations may lead to academic suspension or expulsion, which will appear on your transcript forever. Probably not the best conversation starter with employers during future interviews.

**Can I still get in trouble with the University if I'm over 21?**

Yes, any alcohol or drug related citation, detox, DUI, social host, etc. is still considered a policy violation, even if you're over 21. Why? Respect for the safety, health and quality of life among our campus and community residents is important, and alcohol and other drug use may negatively affect that.

**MAV TIP:**

Be responsible, be respectful.



**GOT A QUESTION**

*about substance use?*

Email it to: [healthservices@mnsu.edu](mailto:healthservices@mnsu.edu)

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