

RWU Alcohol Policies and Guidelines

Students Over 21

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STUDENT GUIDE

Top 10 Things to Remember When Having Friends Over:

Be aware of the Alcohol Quantity Policy.

Small gatherings consist of some of your closest friends coming by to hang out in a responsible way. The quantity policy for each student of age is 15 beers OR 1.5 liters of wine OR 1 pint of hard alcohol (no higher than 80 proof). This quantity may be multiplied by the number of legally aged occupants, but may not exceed 60 beers OR 3.0 liters of wine OR 1 liter (2 pints) of hard alcohol in any room at any time. Empty containers will be counted towards the quantity limits. Grain alcohol and handles (1.75L) of alcohol are prohibited.

Noise attracts staff members... and annoys neighbors.

Be smart, respectful and considerate of others in your community.

It's okay to be sober.

You can have fun without alcohol. Trust us. Try it out.

Open containers are prohibited outside.

This is a Rhode Island state law, in addition to an RWU policy, and it will be enforced. This is especially pertinent to those living in the apartments, regardless of age.

Pick your favorite friends.

Apartments and residence hall rooms are not designed to accommodate large groups. Keep it small and keep it safe. You should know everyone's names. Remember, you are responsible for all of your guests.

Alcohol and underage students do not mix.

Serving underage guests or allowing them to drink in your room/apartment does not make you look cool... especially when you get slapped with some serious fines and heavy sanctions. It violates campus policy and the law. Make good choices.

Drinking games are prohibited.

Seriously, they are. The campus prohibits anything designed for or manipulated to promote the rapid consumption of alcohol. This includes, but is not limited to: beer pong, funneling, Quarters or altered board games. Kegs, beer balls, ice luges and "jungle juice" are also in this category.

Empty containers need to be recycled.

As previously stated, empty containers count against your limit. Keep your room/apartment clean and help out the environment at the same time. Do not litter outside or break bottles so that people have to worry about broken glass. Don't be that guy/gal.

Keep an eye on your friends!

Make sure to stick with the people you've been hanging out with all night, and monitor how they are doing. Having to call a staff member, Public Safety, an ambulance or their parents ruins everyone's evening.

South Campus is now DRY!

Please remember that alcohol is prohibited in South Campus, even for students that are 21 years old. Don't make the mistake of bringing alcohol to South Campus or you could be documented for an alcohol violation.

Policies and Sanctions:

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you about potential consequences for your behavior. **RWU's expectations of you have remained the same.** We expect that you will act appropriately and abide by all University codes as well as state and federal laws. We remain committed to creating a campus environment that is conducive to student success.

AOD Sanctions

The following tables represent the minimum sanctions for violations of the University Code of Student Conduct. Students found responsible for three alcohol violations within a 12-month period or two drug violations during their RWU academic career will be removed from university housing for at least one semester. Hearing officers may look beyond the 12-month period and/or increase the severity of sanctions depending upon the severity of the behavior, a student's past disciplinary record or the specific incident's impact upon the campus community.

Conduct	1st Violation	2nd Violation	3rd Violation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Alcohol Related Health & Safety Violation</i> • <i>Alcohol Paraphernalia (including empty alcohol containers)</i> • <i>Minor in the Presence of Alcohol</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formal Warning • \$50 Fine or Educational Sanction • Merit Housing Deduction (1 point) 	Dependent upon student's conduct history, see below	
<i>Alcohol use, possession, public intoxication or other alcohol-related incidents</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deferred Weekend Ban from Housing • Formal Warning • Alcohol Incident Referral • Parent Consultation • \$100 Fine • Merit Housing Deduction (2 points) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two Consecutive Weekends Removal and Ban from Housing • Residence Hall Probation • Health Education 1:1 meeting • Parent Consultation • \$150 Fine • Merit Housing Deduction (3 points) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University Probation • Health Education 1:1 • Parent Consultation • Semester Removal from University Housing • Merit Housing Deduction (4 points)

Next violation may result in removal from Roger Williams University.

High Risk/High Level Alcohol Behavior Sanctions

Conduct	1st Violation	2nd Violation
<i>Use/Possession of a false identification (in an alcohol related incident)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Fine • Confiscation of False Identification • Additional Educational Sanction • Alcohol Incident Referral • Merit Housing Deduction (2 points) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional violations, distribution or production of false IDs may result in a removal from housing or a suspension from the University • Health Education 1:1 meeting
<i>Large Alcohol Gathering</i> OR <i>Distribution of Alcohol to Minors</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Week Removal and Ban from Housing • Designation of Residence as a “Dry Space” for a Set Period • Residence Hall Probation • \$200 Fine per Room Occupant • Loss of Guest Privileges for a Set Period • Alcohol Incident Referral • Merit Housing Deduction (3 points) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Semester Removal from University Housing • University Probation • \$300 Fine per Room Occupant • Health Education 1:1 meeting • Merit Housing Deduction (4 points)
<i>Violation of Alcohol Quantity Policy (includes empty containers)</i> – Students 21 years or older	Treated as a violation of the RWU alcohol policy regardless of the student’s age. Sanctions will be determined based on the severity of the incident.	
<i>Violation of Alcohol Quantity Policy (includes empty containers)</i> – Students UNDER 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Week Removal and Ban from Housing • Residence Hall Probation • Loss of Guest Privileges for set Period • Alcohol Incident Referral • Merit Housing Deduction (3 points) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Semester Removal from Housing • University Probation • Health Education 1:1 meeting • Merit Housing Deduction (4 points)
<i>Providing, Possessing or Hosting a Common Source (keg, beer balls, large tub of alcoholic beverages ex. “jungle juice,” etc.)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Semester Removal and Ban from Housing • University Probation • \$300 fine • Alcohol Incident Referral • Merit Housing Deduction (4 points) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional violations may result in a permanent removal from housing and/or a suspension from the University • Health Education 1:1 meeting

****Violations involving hard alcohol, drinking games and/or drinking game apparatus may result in enhanced sanctions.**

University Alcohol Quantity Policy:

For students age 21 or older, the following amount of alcohol allowed is:



15 beers OR 1.5 liters of wine OR 1 pint of hard alcohol

Students hosting alcohol gatherings are subject to a loss of residency

Any social gathering or party, which draws attention to itself in a negative manner within University Housing, will not be permitted. Parties will be identified by University officials based on a variety of factors including but not limited to:

- Number of guests: the maximum number of people allowed in a room equals the number of inhabitants x5 when alcohol is present
- Excessive quantities of alcohol and/or alcohol empty containers
- Games that promote the rapid consumption of alcohol (such as beer pong) are prohibited
- Underage drinking: the room occupants are primarily responsible for what occurs in their dwelling, regardless of who brings the alcohol
- Disturbing the peace, noise, and/or people immediately outside the room/apartment
- Uncooperative residents and/or guests

The University strictly prohibits all common source containers of alcohol (empty or full), including but not limited to kegs, beer balls or other items or activities that encourage the rapid consumption of alcohol. Such items and/or common sources will be confiscated and disposed of when discovered. In addition, the University prohibits the sale and/or distribution of alcohol to underage students. Violations of this policy will receive enhanced sanctions outlined in the grid above.

Medical Amnesty Policy

The Medical Amnesty Policy was created to promote community bystander behavior and safety of our students. It allows students to call for help when experiencing a medical emergency related to drug or alcohol intoxication without fear of disciplinary action. If you or a friend is experiencing such a medical emergency, contact Public Safety at 401-254-3611. For more information on this policy, go to: http://www.rwu.edu/depository/studentaffairs/Medical_Amnesty_Policy.pdf.

Sanctions for uncivil behavior violations

As evident by our Core Value of nurturing of a caring and respectful community, Roger Williams University is an institution committed to creating a respectful campus environment. In support of this Core Value and the RWU Civility Statement, we have specific sanctions for violations of the Conduct Code that pertain to uncivil behavior. These violations include but are not limited to student to student uncivil conduct, disruptive behavior towards University personnel and failure to comply with staff. The Codes that typically relate to these sanctions are Conduct Codes 5 and 10.

Minimum sanctions for uncivil behavior violations:

- Temporary removal and ban from housing (minimum 1 weekend)
- Residence hall probation
- Educational sanction
- \$50 fine, parent consultation and merit housing deduction (2 points)

Minimum Sanctions for Violation of the RWU Drug Policy

Conduct	1st Violation	2nd Violation	3rd Violation
<i>Possession or illegal use of drugs or drug paraphernalia</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Week Removal and Ban from Housing • Marijuana 101 or Health Education 1:1 meeting • University Probation • Parent Consultation • \$150 fine • Merit Housing Deduction (3 points) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Semester Removal and Ban from Housing • Health Education 1:1 meeting • University Probation • Parent Consultation • \$200 fine • Merit Housing Deduction (4 points) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suspension from RWU
<i>Distribution of drugs</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suspension/expulsion from RWU 		