

In accordance with Public Law 101-226, the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act amendment of 1989 and the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, District Policy 5.18.1 prohibits the "unlawful use, distribution, sale, or possession of alcohol, and illicit drugs."

The college recognizes the legal drinking age of 21 years and enforces all state laws regulating the use of alcoholic beverages. All members of the campus community are subject to disciplinary action and/or criminal prosecution for the on-campus possession, use, sale or distribution (by either sale or gift) of any quantity of inappropriate prescription drugs, or controlled substances as defined by the State of California Health and Safety Code. Students found to be in violation of this policy may be subject to the Code of Student Conduct and Sanction Policies. If warranted, employees will also be subject to disciplinary sanction.

Health Consequences:

- impaired learning due to poor concentration, fatigue, drowsiness, anxiety, altered perception, confusion, indifference, depersonalization, memory loss, panic attacks and drug-induced psychosis.
- impaired judgment leading to driving under the influence of alcohol/other drugs, accidents, violent and abusive behavior, criminal acts, financial troubles, unwanted pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, acquaintance rape, attempted or accomplished suicide, permanent injury or death as a result of substance overdose.
- the use of intravenous drugs can result in hepatitis, tetanus, abscesses, and AIDS.
- the use of stimulants can lead to cardiac fibrillation, heart attack, seizures, respiratory arrest and death.
- the most common negative health consequences from occasional drinking are trauma incidents such as auto

accidents and violent behavior which involve both the drinker and non-drinking victims.

- long-term alcohol abuse can cause brain damage, cirrhosis of the liver, hepatitis, permanent coordination loss, ulcer disease, gastritis, pancreatitis, heart disease, stroke, anemia, sexual dysfunction, cancers, and many other health problems.

Legal Sanctions: Mission College

As a student, if you are under the influence of alcohol and/or using, selling other drugs, or if you are discovered selling, or dispensing drugs on campus or at any college function, you can be suspended, expelled and criminally prosecuted.

If you are an employee at Mission College, you may be placed on probation, terminated, and criminally prosecuted for the use, sale or possession of illegal drugs and/or alcohol on campus, or at college sponsored events.

It is unlawful for a person under the age of 21 years who had a blood-alcohol concentration of 0.01 percent or greater, as measured by a preliminary alcohol screening test or other chemical test, to drive a vehicle. (23140 VC). It is unlawful for any person 21 years of age or older who has 0.08 percent or more, by weight, of alcohol in his/her blood to drive a vehicle (23152 VC). It is unlawful for any person who is under the influence of any alcoholic beverage or drug or combination of alcohol and drug to drive a vehicle (23152 VC).

If you are at least 18 years of age and are convicted of driving under the influence your driving privilege will be suspended, your vehicle may be taken away and you will be required to pay the storage fee. You will be sentenced to 96 hours to 6 months in jail, have to pay a fine of between \$390 and \$1,000, and lose or have your drivers license restricted for up to a year (23502, 23536, 23538) VC).

- For possession of marijuana (less than 1 oz.) you can be fined
- For possession of marijuana (more than 1 oz) you may receive up to 6 months in jail and/or up to a \$500 fine
- For possession of cocaine you can be sentenced to prison
- For sales of any illegal drug you can be sentenced to prison
- Any person under the age of 21 years who has any alcoholic beverage in his or her possession on any street or highway or in any public place can be convicted of a misdemeanor
- It is a misdemeanor to sell, give, or furnish alcohol to anyone under 21 years of age
- Carriers of motor vehicle insurance can increase premiums, cancel or deny renewal as a result of driving under the influence convictions

No Smoking Policy

Smoking is prohibited in all areas of Mission College except in parking lot areas that are at least twenty-five (25) feet away from buildings and pathways.

For Free Confidential Assistance

On-Campus:

Counseling Center408.855.5030

Student Health Services ..408.855.5140

Off-Campus:

Alcoholics Anonymous.....408.374.8511

Narcotics Anonymous.....408.998.4200

Voices United..... 408.292.7292

Student Health 101 e-magazine

<http://readsh101.com/go2missioncollege.html>

A free e-magazine which has articles on alcohol/drugs/tobacco and many other wellness topics.