

Carnegie Mellon University Alcohol Policy

The following university policy will govern all university social activities on and off campus at which alcoholic beverages will be served. University social activities are any social activities on university property or for which university funds or other resources are used. All members of the university have an individual and collective responsibility to adhere to the following policy:

1. In all circumstances, the university expects its faculty, administrators, staff, students, alumni and their respective guests to conduct themselves, both individually and collectively, in a responsible manner. Illegal, abusive or excessive consumption of alcohol resulting in interference with the rights of other persons, personal injury or damage to property will result in severe disciplinary action, beginning with monetary sanctions, up to and including suspension or expulsion.
2. In residential areas such as private residence hall rooms, campus apartments, fraternities or sororities, there exists an expectation of privacy; however, in these areas members of the university and their guests are still governed by the **federal, state and local laws (or applicable laws for other jurisdictions where Carnegie Mellon operates)** and will be responsible for their own behavior. In addition, any actions which violate the law and/or the rights of others, or in some way damage personal or public property, will result in the loss of the above-mentioned privacy rights and will be cause for university intervention and enforcement.
3. Permission to serve alcoholic beverages at a social activity where students will or may be in attendance can only be obtained through the Dean of Student Affairs. Before permission is given, a dean, department head, faculty member or staff member who is on the exempt payroll must take personal responsibility for ensuring that alcoholic beverages are served only to those persons who are of legal age. Such responsibility may be assumed only after completing the Social Host Responsibility session offered through the Campus Police. This session will be offered periodically throughout the year. Please contact the Campus Police at x82323 for details.
4. In addition, the following guidelines must be observed for all events:
 - a. Social activities at which alcoholic beverages are served must take place in an area that is private or semi-private. Privacy is determined by the ability to control access to the area of the social activity and limit attendance to invited guests only. Alcoholic beverages are not to be consumed anywhere outdoors on the grounds of Carnegie Mellon. Therefore, alcoholic beverages are prohibited at social activities on the Cut, on the Mall, on the fraternity area grounds, on housing grounds, on the athletic field or on any other similar outdoor area either owned or used by the university.

A fee must never be charged for the service of alcohol **where prohibited by applicable law or without obtaining the appropriate legal requirements to do so.**
 - b. Public advertising of events at which alcohol is to be served must not include any reference to alcohol, nor may such events be publicly posted outside of the university community.