

ALCOHOL POLICY

ALCOHOL USE ON CAMPUS

Beloit College is committed to maintaining a living, learning, and working environment free from alcohol abuse, or its unlawful use, because these uses are detrimental to students' health, safety, and academic success. As an educational institution, we place a great deal of responsibility and trust in students to make decision about drinking alcohol that are in their best interest academically and socially. Any sort of peer pressure to use alcohol violate the college's expectation, as does irresponsible use of alcohol, whether or not the student is of legal age to drink.

Beloit defines responsible alcohol use as:

- 1) maintaining control, and drinking no more than one average size drink per hour;
- 2) not using alcohol as the focus of the event;
- 3) paying careful attention to what you are drinking and being aware of how it is affecting your body and behavior.

In order to ensure a safe and positive environment for all students, irresponsible behavior involving alcohol should be confronted by members of the college community, including students, faculty, and staff. Bystanders are expects to intervene; watching out for each other has been common practice and must continue. Students should seek out help when needs, support others, and challenge behaviors that might lead to unwanted outcomes. Students are encouraged to enlist the aid of security and residence life staff to help in confronting irresponsible use of alcohol.

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The Wisconsin drinking age is 21 years of age. Underage drinking violates college policy, since Beloit College, its students, faculty and staff are subject to all laws of the State of Wisconsin regarding possession, consumption, sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages. All students are required to show proof of age when purchasing, or accepting alcoholic beverages on campus. Students who fail to provide this information or use false information violate the law and/or college policy are liable for disciplinary action.

Beloit College does not promote the use of alcohol nor condone the abuse of alcohol. As adults, students should know and abide by the Wisconsin state law and make an informed, responsible decision regarding alcohol. All community members are expected to respect the rights of those individuals who choose not to use alcoholic beverages.

WISCONSIN STATE LAW

The Wisconsin state law concerning alcoholic beverages is applicable on-and-off the campus. A [complete copy of the state statute](#) can be found on the Wisconsin State Legislature website.

The unlawful possession, use distribution, manufacture of, or dispensing of alcohol and illicit drugs by students or employees on college property or as a part of college activities is prohibited. Individuals who violate local, state or federal laws concerning the unlawful possession, use, distribution, manufacture, or dispensing of alcohol and illicit drugs are

subject to arrest and/or college disciplinary action, which may result in sanctions up to and including required substance abuse treatment and/or suspension from the college.

Regulations

More explicitly, the following behaviors violate college policy, whether or not a student is of legal age to consume alcohol, because they are examples of irresponsible, even dangerous or abusive, alcohol use.

1. Using alcoholic beverages as the primary focus of any activity, such as playing drinking games. Kegs and other common sources of alcohol tend to be the focus of the events at which they can be found and they are not permitted.
2. Pressuring others to drink; pressure means exerting direct or nonverbal pressure to consume alcohol.
3. Drinking hard liquor directly from the bottle (non-single service size) or multiple shots.
4. Mixing alcohol with energy drinks.
5. Consuming or being under the influence of alcohol in academic buildings.
6. Driving on or off campus while intoxicated.
7. Displaying violent, inappropriate or other kinds of offensive behavior. Intoxication does not absolve the drinker of responsibility for their actions.
8. Repeated instances of alcohol consumption interfering with academic performance or interpersonal/social interactions.
9. Being severely intoxicated, indicated by actions or behaviors such as but not limited to:
 - Stumbling while walking or falling down
 - Difficulty standing up, disoriented
 - Lack of awareness about surroundings
 - Inability to state or recall basic personal information such as name, address, telephone, birthdate, hometown, etc.
 - Slurring of speech, loud speech, rambling train of thought
 - Belligerent/aggressive behavior
 - Vomiting
 - Unconsciousness
 - Difficulty remembering, loss of memory about recent events or actions/behaviors of self and others during or prior to an event
10. Drinks with a high alcohol concentration are not allowed, including alcohol lacking color and odor, pure grain alcohol (i.e. Everclear), any distilled liquor exceeding 100 proof (50% alcohol), or other mixed drinks with a high concentration of alcohol. These drinks can be more potent than expected.
11. Serving alcohol to other students is prohibited.

Discipline and Sanctions

As members of the college community we expect you to make decisions about alcohol use with care and concern for yourself and those around you. As in any community, there may be those whose decisions about alcohol conflict with the college and community standards and violate college policy or Wisconsin state law. We encourage you to talk with those who may be having difficulty with their alcohol use or their alcohol decisions and to confront or seek help for those whose behavior may be damaging to themselves or the community.

The normal judicial processes, described in the Student Handbook, will be used to respond to violations of the alcohol policy. Though the full range of sanctions are possible, including a discussion with parents (for which there is a FERPA exemption), the usual sanctions associated with alcohol policy violations include, but are not limited to:

- Alcohol/Drug Screening
- Drug Testing
- Required counselling
- Community Service with Facilities
- Conversations on responsible drinking, social norming, etc.
- Apology letters
- Brainstorming list of alternative behavior
- Participating in alcohol education class
- Notification of parents
- Notification of faculty adviser
- Restriction on participation in non-class activities
- Probation
- Suspension
- Agreed break from drinking (with penalties if drinking again)
- Review of age requirements and sanction for underage consumption
- Change residence room/disciplinary transfer

Violations of college policy where alcohol is one element of the incident may result in more serious disciplinary action with possible sanctions that may include restitution, probation, suspension, or dismissal. Violation of the alcohol policy, coupled with other policy violations, may be treated as two separate offenses, with appropriate sanctions for each violation.

Good Samaritan Policy

All members of the campus community are encouraged to immediately seek medical or security assistance for students whose health and well-being may be at risk due to the over-consumption of alcohol and/or drugs. Taking responsibility for helping a student in need will always be viewed positively in any post-incident follow-up, including those incidents where the “Good Samaritan” and/or the person needing emergency assistance may have violated the college policy(s).

Alcohol in Academic Buildings

Alcoholic beverages may not be served or consumed in academic areas unless prior approval is received from the Department/Division Chair or Provost. In any other areas, alcohol may not be served to or consumed by anyone under the age of 21.

Parties and Social Gatherings

For any social gathering, there must be at least one person responsible for the gathering, the facility and the guests. In a student room, this is normally the resident of the room. In a planned party it is often the person planning who is responsible for the event.

Host Responsibilities:

1. **Registering your party**

- a. Planned parties, private parties, or social gatherings must be registered if they have the potential to impact the community.
- b. The Office of Residential Life must be provided with the names of all hosts (students responsible for the event) at least 48 hours prior to the event.
- c. If the event is a large gathering of students, such as a social in a special interest house, the office of Residential Life must be provided with a security list and IDs must be checked at the door.
- d. If the event takes place in a residential area, the host is obligated to consult the RA, neighbors or other building residents that may be affected, to obtain permission to host a social gathering in their room or lounge.
- e. All large social events must be approved by the Office of Residential Life if any of the following is true about the event:
 - i. It is advertised (the Terrarium, posters, public announcements, written, verbal or Facebook invitations constitute some of the usual forms of advertising);
 - ii. It is funded (entirely or partially) by money obtained from the Student Activity Fee, Student Life programming or departments;
 - iii. It occurs in a public area (residence hall lounge, hallway, campus meeting space, outside area or Greek house when non-members are present).
- f. Large all campus events, such as large parties may not occur during New Student Days and days when there are classes the following day.
- g. Advertising implicitly or explicitly that alcohol will be present at the event is prohibited.

2. **Additional regulations regarding parties or social gatherings (registered or not):**

- a. Hosts may not serve alcohol as a feature of any party or social gathering. Hosts are obligated to follow all state laws concerning the distribution of alcoholic beverages in their rooms, apartments or personal gathering spaces.
- b. Alcohol cannot be sold and donations cannot be exchanged for alcohol. Selling tickets or cups, charging admission fees, taking up a collection or using any direct or indirect means of collecting money from persons attend the event is prohibited.
- c. Hosts assume responsibility for the behavior and safety of their guests.
- d. Hosts must supply at least one student trained in bystander intervention for the entire duration of the event.

All College sponsored events where alcohol is provided, the College reserves the right to limit the type and/or amount of alcohol (or the amount of alcohol served, if applicable) at the event.

Licensed Facilities

1. Campus Center (Pearsons) Additional Regulations

The Campus Center maintains a liquor license with the City of Beloit and is subject to the same rules and regulations as any establishment that serves alcohol. By law, absolutely no alcohol can be brought into the building or removed from it, except through the authority of the liquor agent and staff. Violations of this policy risk not only arrest, but also revocation of our license. Groups wishing to sponsor an event with alcohol need to meet with the Campus Center director to arrange for the sale, service, and purchase of alcoholic beverages.

2. Coughy Haus Additional Regulations

The Coughy Haus maintains a Class C liquor license with the City of Beloit and is subject to the same rules and regulations as any other bar within the City of Beloit and the State of Wisconsin. The law states that absolutely no alcohol may be brought into the building or removed from it, except by licensed distributors. Individuals who violate age restrictions, use false IDs, provide alcohol to those under 21 years of age, or are intoxicated while on the premises may be ticketed by the Beloit Police. Such violations may also result in the revocation of the C-Haus license to serve alcoholic beverages. The premises are regularly inspected by government agencies such as the Health and Police Departments. Police officers have the authority to enter the Coughy Haus at any time without warning and may, at their discretion, check IDs and open containers on the premises, including the porch.

Coughy Haus is reserved for student use and occasionally the registered guest of a student. It is not a public bar open to the community at large. In order to minimize risks and ensure the focus is on students whose activity fees contribute to the operation, access by nonstudents is limited.

Examples of alcohol-related penalties, excerpted from Wisconsin State Law

OFFENSE	STATUTE	PENALTY
Underage Person Procuring, Possessing or Consuming an Alcoholic Beverage	S125.07(4)	1 st Violation - \$250 - \$500, 30-90 day suspension of operating privileges 2 nd Violation in 12 months - \$300-\$500, 1 year suspension of operating privileges 3 rd Violation in 12 months - \$500-\$750, 2 year suspension of operating privileges 4 th Violation in 12 months - \$750-\$1000. 2 year suspension of operating privileges
Underage Person Knowingly on Bar Premises Without Parent	S125.07(4)	(same as above)
Falsely Representing Age for Purpose of Receiving Alcohol	S125.07(4)	(same as above)
Causing Injury or Death by Providing Alcohol to a Minor	S125.075	Up to \$10,000 and up to 5 years in prison
Recklessly Endangering the Safety of Another <i>i.e., providing too much alcohol to another with knowledge of the possible risks to that person or others</i>	S941.30(1)	Up to \$10,000 and up to 5 years in prison (up to 10 years in prison if circumstances show utter disregard for human life)
Recklessly Causing Great Bodily Harm to Another <i>i.e., providing too much alcohol to another with knowledge of the possible risks causing substantial injury to that person or another</i>	S940.23	Up to \$10,000 and up to 5 years in prison

d. Consuming intoxicants and driving (includes boating and snowmobiling)

OFFENSE	STATUTE	PENALTY
Operating a Motor Vehicle While Under The Influence Of An Intoxicant Or With An Illegally High Blood Alcohol Concentration	S343.63	1 ST Offense - \$150-\$300, 6-9 month suspension of operating privileges 2 nd Offense in 5 years - \$500 - \$1000, 5 days to 6 months in county jail, 12-18 months suspension of operating privileges 3 rd Offense in 10 years - \$600 - \$2000, 30 days to 1 year in county jail, 24-36 months suspension of operating privileges 4 th Offense in 10 years - \$600 - \$2000, 60 days – 1 year in county jail, 5 year revocation of operative privileges 5 th or greater Offense in 10 years, \$600 - \$2000. 6 months – 1 year in county jail, 5 year revocation of operating privileges
Causing Injury While Operating a Motor Vehicle While Under The Influence Of An Intoxicant Or With An Illegally High Blood Alcohol Concentration	S343.63	\$300-\$2000 and 30 days to 1 year in the county jail

Causing Injury (Great Bodily Harm) By The Intoxicated Use Of A Vehicle	S940.25	Up to \$10000 and up to 5 years in prison
Homicide By The Intoxicated Use Of A Motor Vehicle	S940.09	Up to \$10000 and up to 10 years in prison

NOTE: REFUSAL TO TAKE AN EVIDENTIARY TEST OF BLOOD, URINE OR BREATH RESULTS IN ADDITIONAL REVOCATION OF OPERATING PRIVILEGES.

e. Consuming intoxicants and performing other dangerous activities

OFFENSE	STATUTE	PENALTY
Going Armed Or Operating A Firearm While Intoxicated	S941.20	Up to \$10000 and up to 9 months in the county jail
Carrying a Handgun Where Alcoholic Beverages May Be Sold Or Consumed	S941.237	Up to \$10000 and up to 9 months in the county jail

MISCELLANEOUS

OFFENSE	STATUTE	PENALTY
Presenting A False ID Card	S125.085	\$300 - \$1250, or 10 to 30 days in the county jail, or both

Taken from Wisconsin State Statutes

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