



Schreiner University

Memo

To: Schreiner Students
From: Eric Booth, Assistant Dean for Residence Life and Judicial Affairs
Date: 3/10/14
Re: Fall 2014 New Residence Life Alcohol Policy

Effective starting in the Fall 2014 semester campus housing will be instituting a new policy regarding the presence of alcohol in non-freshmen housing (Flato Hall, The Oaks, and Pecan Grove). This fall, the only suites/apartments that will be allowed to have alcohol in them will be suites/apartments that all assigned residents are 21 years of age. These suites/apartments will be considered wet. Any suite/apartment that has an assigned resident under the age of 21 will be considered dry. If during the academic year all residents turn 21 years of age the apartment will change from dry to wet once the last resident turns 21.

Also starting this fall in addition to the current underage possession of alcohol and underage consumption of alcohol community standards currently outlined in the 2013-2014 Student Handbook a new community standard of underage access will be included. Underage access to alcohol is determined when a student is present in an apartment or room that has alcohol being possessed or consumed. An underage student does not need to be consuming/possessing alcohol to have access to alcohol.

The 2014-2015 housing sign-up process begins March 17th-28th. More information will be coming.

Questions about the new policy:

Q. If we have one person underage in our suite/apartment and they turn 21 during the year can we have alcohol?

A. Yes, you can have alcohol in your apartment once the final underage person turns 21.

Q. If we have suitemates/roommates who are underage, but are gone for the weekend can we have alcohol?

A. No, your apartment is considered dry and therefore you cannot have alcohol.

Q. What happens if I want to live with roommates/suitemates who are under 21, but also the ability to have alcohol in my suite/apartment?

A. You will have to make a choice, which is more important. If the person you want to live with is under 21, alcohol cannot be possessed or consumed in your suite/apartment.

Q. If I live in a wet apartment and I am consuming alcohol, am I allowed to have students under 21 present.

A. Any student under 21 who is drinking is in violation of the law and our Student Code of Conduct. If an underage student is in an apartment where alcohol is being consumed they could be found to be in violation of one of the community standards of alcohol consumption, alcohol possession, or access to alcohol. If alcohol is not out in the open and being consumed, underage students can be present in the suite/apartment.

Q. Why are these new policies being created?

A. We have seen a tremendous increase in the number of alcohol violations over the past two years on campus and this policy will alleviate some of the confusion and ambiguity of the current policy.