

## **Rights and Responsibilities**

With every “right” comes responsibility and, as a member of the campus community, you are expected to respect others and follow the rules and policies established by the university community.

For full detail of all policies please see UWS/UWSP Chapter 17 and 18, or the Residential Living handbook.

## **Alcohol Policies**

**17.02(13)** “Preponderance of the evidence” means information that would persuade a reasonable person that a proposition is more probably true than not true. It is a lower standard of proof than “clear and convincing evidence” and is the minimum standard for a finding of responsibility under this chapter.

**17.09 Conduct subject to disciplinary action.** In accordance with s. UWS 17.08, the university may discipline a student for engaging in, attempting to engage in, or assisting others to engage in any of the following types of nonacademic misconduct:

**17.09(6) ILLEGAL USE, POSSESSION, MANUFACTURE, OR DISTRIBUTION OF ALCOHOL OR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.** Use, possession, manufacture, or distribution of alcoholic beverages or of marijuana, narcotics, or other controlled substances, except as expressly permitted by law or university policy.

### **18.09(1) Alcohol Beverages.**

**18.09(1)(a)** The use or possession of alcohol beverages is prohibited on all university premises, except in faculty and staff housing and as permitted by the chief administrative officer, subject to statutory age restrictions. The chief administrative officer may generally permit the use or possession of alcohol beverages by promulgating institutional regulations in consultation with appropriate staff and students, or in specific instances by written permission.

**18.09(1)(b)** No person may procure, sell, dispense or give away alcohol beverages to any person contrary to the provisions of ch. 125, Stats.

**18.09(1)(c)** In this subsection, "alcohol beverages" means fermented malt beverages and intoxicating liquors containing 0.5% or more of alcohol by volume.

## **Residential Living Alcohol Policies**

### **Alcohol Policy**

*(passed by Residence Hall Association, 1993; revised 1995; revised 2005)*

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Residential Living department is committed to maintaining an academic and social environment that promotes the intellectual and personal development of students, the safety and welfare of all members of the university and residence hall community.

All alcohol policies are applicable to all residence halls, and individual hall governments are not permitted to revise the policies. Recommendations for revision to the alcohol policies must be submitted to the Residence Hall Association for consideration.

Drinking is never to be the focal point for an event or activity; beverages, whether alcoholic or nonalcoholic, shall be incidental to the primary reason for having an event.

Only those residents who have attained the legal drinking age may possess or consume alcoholic beverages, including nonalcoholic beverages containing 0.5% alcohol by volume or over. [Residents not 21 years of age cannot drink or host drinkers.]

Alcoholic beverages cannot be sold in residence halls.

If 21 or older, individuals may consume alcoholic beverages only in their own room or in rooms of occupants of legal drinking age with the door completely closed. No alcohol, including nonalcoholic beverages regardless of the alcohol content, shall be consumed in public areas, such as lounges, bathrooms, hallways and basement areas. In designated upperclass halls, alcohol may be consumed by residents of legal drinking age and their guests of legal drinking age in the following areas: TV lounge, game room/area, and designated public social areas. The persons in these areas may have no more than one drink in their possession. Alcohol is strictly prohibited in public academic areas, study lounges, computer rooms and in fitness areas such as saunas, fitness rooms, etc.

***Use and consumption of alcohol in residence halls may not exceed the limitations listed below:***

- there may not be more than 10 persons present in any resident's room;
- no bulk alcohol or empty bulk alcohol containers of any size is permitted in individual rooms (e.g. keg, etc.). Exceptions may be made for root beer kegs that are previously approved by the hall director.
- individuals of legal drinking age may only have one container of alcohol containing 0.5% of alcohol by volume or over open at any time per individual;
- no beer bongs shall be permitted at any time in the residence halls;
- no home-brewing processes shall be allowed in the residence halls at any time.

Residents are responsible for informing their guests of the residence hall's alcohol policies, for advising their guests when behavior is not appropriate, and for assisting in modifying inappropriate behavior when necessary. No guest may possess alcohol including nonalcoholic beverages containing 0.5% alcohol by volume or over, in the room of a resident that is under the legal drinking age.

Residence hall staff shall intervene in situations where individuals exhibit symptoms of problem drinking, such as incapacitation, violence, abusive behavior, self endangering intoxication, etc. An intervention by a staff member may result in a referral to the university student health promotions coordinator for information and resources or to the Student Rights and Responsibilities Office.

If any alcohol containers are found in a room where both residents assigned to that room are under 21, staff will follow procedures outlined in the Rights & Responsibilities section.

Any individual/organization wishing to sponsor an event where alcoholic beverages will be present will need to adhere to guidelines for such events. This information may be obtained from the hall director.

Nonalcoholic beverages containing less than 0.5% alcohol by volume will be allowed in rooms of underage residents if the beverage is clearly labeled and during any confrontation that information is presented.

If all roommates assigned to the room are under the age of 21, then the room is considered a "***dry room.***" No alcohol may be brought into a dry room by anyone (including parents). A resident of a dry room is held responsible for guests who bring alcohol into the room, regardless of age.

A “*damp room*” is a room where one assigned roommate is 21 and one roommate is under 21. If the under-21- year old of a damp room is approached by hall staff for an alcohol policy violation, it is up to the discretion of the residence hall director to determine to whom the alcohol container belongs.

A “*wet room*” is a room where both roommates assigned to a room are 21 years of age or older. Residents of wet rooms are allowed to have alcohol in their room (per the above policy).

### **Alcohol-Free Houses**

These specialty communities are located in **Burroughs Hall (first and second floors), Pray-Sims Hall (third floor), and May Roach Hall (third and fourth floors)** and are designed for individuals who wish to live in an environment free of alcohol and its related behaviors.

“Alcohol free” is defined as an area where neither residents nor their guests (regardless of age) are allowed to possess or consume alcohol. In addition, residents (and guests) must refrain from being present on the house with alcohol in their bodies.

## **City of Stevens Point Alcohol Policies**

### **City Ordinances**

Underage drinking or carrying false identification can result in a fine of over \$1000 by city police.