

## Statement of Care

Carroll College believes that individual choices involving the use of alcohol have an impact on both the individual and the community. National studies have found that alcohol use is closely linked to sexual assault, declining academic performance, violent crime and alcoholism among college students. For these reasons, the college's alcohol policy demonstrates a strong ethic of care and establishes healthy standards for the community in relation to the responsible and legal use of alcohol.

As a residential college, Carroll students have the opportunity to learn within a group of individuals who make up their community. A part of the learning that takes place is social in nature. Responsible and legal alcohol use is a part of that educational process. Development of individuals and social choices can have long-term effects on behaviors, attitudes and values. Learning to know one's limits and to care about the impact of one's actions on the community is a part of the residential experience. Students are expected to use caution in choosing to use alcohol and are responsible for their behavior at all times. Being a part of the Carroll community means individuals are also responsible for others. Taking action to care about and confront inappropriate alcohol use among one's peers makes the community stronger.

Carroll College will intervene when inappropriate behavior regarding the use or abuse of alcohol is demonstrated. Students, whether of legal age or not, will be held responsible and accountable for their actions.

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# Alcohol Policy

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## Regulations

1. All students must comply with federal, state, and city laws and/or Carroll College policy concerning alcohol use.
2. Drunkenness and public intoxication, regardless of age, are unacceptable behaviors.
3. Any student of legal drinking age who chooses to room with a student not of legal drinking age may not possess or consume alcohol in their residence hall room.
4. Those persons not of legal drinking age may not transport, possess or consume alcohol or be present in a residence hall room where alcohol is being consumed.
5. Attendance at an illegal alcohol gathering is a violation of College policy.
6. Carroll College prohibits any possession or use of kegs, pony kegs, multi-quart containers or alcoholic punches on the College campus. Drinking games or events (e.g. quarters or around the world parties) are strictly prohibited.
7. Visitors to Carroll College must comply with state laws and college policy regarding use of alcohol. Responsibility to assure that a guest is of legal drinking age rests with the resident host(s).
8. Carroll College prohibits use of alcohol in its vans, buses, and other College vehicles.

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9. Students of legal drinking age may have small quantities of alcohol in their residence hall rooms for their responsible personal consumption. Students 21 years or older may consume and transport alcoholic beverages on campus under the following conditions only:
  - Students of legal drinking age may consume alcohol in their residence hall rooms, but not in lounges, hallways, common areas, or other unauthorized public places (for example, all school grounds, academic buildings, and locales of off-campus Carroll functions. Any alcohol in unauthorized situations will be confiscated and the individual(s) will be subject to disciplinary action.
  - Students of legal drinking age may consume alcohol in the room of another student of legal drinking age.
  - Students of legal drinking age may transport alcohol in an enclosed container to their own room or the room of another student of legal drinking age.
  - Students of legal drinking age may not consume alcohol in residence hall rooms in the presence of students not of legal drinking age.
  - Students of legal drinking age may not transport alcohol to or consume alcohol in the residence hall room of a person under legal drinking age.

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## Sanctions

Sanctions for alcohol policy violations:

1. A student who provides alcohol to minors, provides their housing as a space for minors to consume alcohol, or hosts an event with a keg or a pony keg may be subject to suspension from Carroll for one semester to one year. Fines, disciplinary probation, referral for counseling or a chemical use assessment, or expulsion are also possible sanctions. Kegs, taps and beer bonging will be confiscated without return or refund.
2. A student who has a personal alcohol violation ranging from public intoxication, to illegal possession of alcohol, to illegal consumption of alcohol will be fined \$70, placed on disciplinary probation and possibly referred for counseling or a chemical use assessment depending on the personal history. Further violation while on probation may result in suspension or expulsion.

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A student who is experiencing health issues associated with the use of alcohol may be suspended from Carroll and required to undergo professional evaluation and treatment prior to reapplying for admission to complete their education.