

Niagara University Alcohol Policy

The goal of this policy is to promote the responsible and legal use of alcoholic beverages by Niagara University students. The university complies with federal, state and local laws including those which regulate the possession, use and sale of alcoholic beverages.

The following actions are not allowed:

- 6a. Underage possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages. "Possession" means having an alcoholic beverage under one's charge or control. Students over the age of 21 are under a continuous obligation to use alcoholic beverages in a responsible manner. Care should be taken when persons over the age of 21 are consuming alcohol in the presence of persons less than 21 years of age as they could be found responsible for violating the university's alcohol policy.
- 6b. Possession or consumption of any alcoholic beverage in any common area, including but not limited to lounges, corridors, laundry rooms, elevators, other public areas, and the grounds surround Residence Halls and academic buildings, unless it is a university sponsored event.
- 6c. Possession of multi-serving containers not exclusive to beer balls, kegs of any size, growlers, etc. It is also a violation of this policy to engage in drinking games requiring or encouraging the use and/or rapid consumption of alcohol or consumption using alcohol paraphernalia, including but not limited to drinking funnels, beer bong, beer pong tables, etc.
- 6d. Distributing and/or providing alcohol to anyone less than 21 years of age.
- 6e. Possession of false identification.
- 6f. Displaying any alcoholic beverage containers, signs, lights or other alcohol related materials in any window or on any common space by students less than 21 years of age.

Students who bring alcohol to the campus will be held fully responsible for the use or consumption of that alcohol by themselves and/or others. Irresponsible and/or illegal use of alcoholic beverages is strictly prohibited, and is not an acceptable excuse for inappropriate behavior.

Residence Life and Campus Safety personnel reserve the right to ascertain the age of anyone possessing or consuming alcohol in the residence halls or apartments. If proof of age cannot be established, the alcohol will be confiscated and disposed of.

Any alcohol possessed in violation of any provision of this policy may be confiscated and disposed of by Residence Life or Campus Safety personnel.

Violations of this policy will be dealt with through the student conduct and/or legal system, as appropriate.