

SCI-Arc Policy Statement on Alcohol Consumption and Drug Use

SCI-Arc believes that all students, staff and faculty have an obligation to the SCI-Arc community to deal responsibly with alcoholic beverages and controlled substances and to protect SCI-Arc from inappropriate liability. While SCI-Arc respects the rights of its students and employees to exercise their legal options regarding alcohol consumption, they should make decisions that are respectful of SCI-Arc and those around them, and with an understanding of the potential consequences to themselves. All must also understand that various federal laws provide clear expectations that colleges will act to prevent the illegal use of drugs and alcohol on their campuses and at their events and penalize colleges for their failure to do so.

The following is a summary of SCI-Arc's policies and programs relating to the use of alcohol and other drugs on campus and at school sponsored events. This information is sent to you annually as a requirement of the Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Act of 1990, and the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988. Universities that receive federal/state funds in any form are required to comply with the above acts. We must take affirmative steps to prohibit the unlawful possession, use, and/or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol.

Should you have any questions, students should consult the Academic Counselor; faculty and staff should consult the Human Resources Director.

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

Compliance With All Laws. Students, faculty and staff will comply with federal, state and local laws governing the use of alcohol and drugs on SCI-Arc property or at any activity or event on and off the campus sponsored by SCI-Arc.

Additional Policies.

- The Director's Office shall be notified of any school event at which alcohol is to be served. At those events, alcohol shall be limited to that provided by the organization or group and one or more individuals shall be designated by the group to serve the alcohol. The person designated by the group shall confirm that each member served is over 21 years of age and shall not serve alcohol to anyone who appears intoxicated. No person attending an event where alcohol is being served shall bring his or her own alcohol to the event.
- No student or employee may use any Wood and Metal Shop tools or equipment or any CNC equipment if he or she has consumed alcohol within the prior twenty-four (24) hours.

DESCRIPTION OF HEALTH AND OTHER RISKS

All drugs can be toxic or poisonous if abused. The use of illicit drugs and abuse of alcohol can result in death, violence, incarceration, loss of a drivers license, damaged fetuses, failed relationships, petty property crime, school dropout, lowered productivity and quality, increased

absenteeism and tardiness, serious psychobiological and neurobiological problems, reduced concentration, impaired judgment, loss of short term and long term memory, diminished reasoning skills, strained family relationships, and other serious life altering affects.

While not exclusive, some of the more common health risks associated with specific substances are as follows:

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>EXAMPLES</u>	<u>HEALTH RISKS</u>
Inhalants	solvents, aerosols, paint, lighter fluid	liver, nerve and, brain damage; heart failure; cardiac arrest
Depressants/Sedatives	alcohol, benzodiazepines, barbiturates	nausea, anxiety, hallucinations, tremors, delirium, seizures, learning impairment, respiratory depression, amnesia
Stimulants	cocaine, amphetamines, methylphenidates, phenmetrazine, Ritalin	hypertension, cardiac arrest, respiratory failure, pulmonary edema, coma, seizures
Narcotics/Opiates	heroin, morphine, codeine, marijuana	pulmonary edema, seizures, coma, anxiety, hypertension, respiratory depression, tachycardia
Hallucinogens	LSD, PCP, mescaline, psilocybin	paranoia, delusions, psychosis, flashbacks, hallucinations, seizures, tachycardia

APPLICABLE LAWS AND LEGAL SANCTIONS

The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, and/or use of controlled substances or alcohol is regulated by a number of federal, state and local laws. These laws impose legal sanctions for both misdemeanor and felony convictions. Criminal penalties can be dependent upon several conditions including the substance, amount, and whether the matter is a first offense or repeated offense. Criminal penalties for convictions can range from fines and probation to denial or revocation of federal benefits (such as student loans) to imprisonment and forfeiture of personal and real property.

While not exhaustive, the following are laws of which students and employees should be aware:

Use or Possession of Alcohol by Minor: People under the age of 21 may not consume, possess or distribute alcohol, nor may they drive any motor vehicle containing any alcoholic beverage unless a parent or legal guardian is present in the vehicle.

Service to Minors: It is unlawful for any person to sell, furnish or give any alcoholic beverage to anyone under the age of 21.

False Identification: Minors who use false identification in order to obtain alcoholic beverages are guilty of a misdemeanor. It is also unlawful to provide a minor with false identification.

Drinking and Driving: No person may drink any alcoholic beverage while driving or possess in any vehicle any bottle, can or other receptacle which has been opened, or a seal broken. While any person over 21 with a blood alcohol content of .08 or higher and any person under 21 with any measurable blood alcohol content violates the law, this does not mean that someone with a lesser alcohol content is not guilty of violating the law. Any person whose behavior indicates he or she is under the influence violates the law *no matter what his or her blood alcohol level.*

Sale or gift of alcohol to an intoxicated person: The sale or furnishing of alcoholic beverages to an obviously intoxicated person constitutes a misdemeanor.

Sale of Alcohol: Selling alcoholic beverages, either directly or indirectly, except with the proper license, is a crime. This includes selling tickets to be used for drinks, or charging admission to any event where alcohol will be provided, whether or not food is served.

Cultivation, Manufacturing, Trafficking and Sale of Drugs: Cultivations, manufacture, sale or distribution of controlled substances or drug paraphernalia can result in life imprisonment and fines in excess of \$1000.

Permitting Property to be Used in Connection with the Trafficking or Sale of Drugs: If your vehicle or other property is used in connection the sale or trafficking of drugs, it can be seized and retained or sold by the government without compensation to you, regardless of whether you participated in the illegal activities.

DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS

Students who have violated laws governing the use of alcohol and illicit drugs or this policy will be subject to disciplinary sanctions by SCI-Arc ranging from probation up to and including expulsion from SCI-Arc.

A student under 21 years of age who uses or has in his or her possession alcoholic beverages on SCI-Arc's campus or at a SCI-Arc event, and/or any student who supplies alcohol to an individual who is under the age of 21 years on SCI-Arc's campus or at a SCI-Arc event, will be subject to immediate discipline as follows:

- (1) For a first offense, mandatory counseling at the student's expense, as well as suspension from the school and a forfeiture of tuition and fees for the period of the suspension; and
- (2) For a second offense, expulsion.

Employees of SCI-Arc who have violated laws governing the use of alcohol and illicit drugs or this policy may be demoted, suspended or terminated.

Violations of law by either students or employees may also be referred to the appropriate authorities for prosecution.

STUDENTS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO CALL FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THEMSELVES OR FOR ANOTHER PERSON WHO IS DANGEROUSLY INTOXICATED OR FOR ASSISTANCE IF HE OR SHE BECOMES A THREAT TO HIMSELF OR OTHERS. IF THE STUDENT WHO PLACES THE CALL FOR HELP IS FOUND TO BE IN VIOLATION OF SCI-ARC'S POLICY, THE FACT THAT HE OR SHE PLACED THE CALL WILL BE CONSIDERED A MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCE WHEN SANCTIONS ARE IMPOSED.

RESOURCES FOR ASSISTANCE

Employees and students who are concerned about substance use, abuse, and rehabilitation are strongly encouraged to contact their family physicians, their health plan, or, in the case of students, the Academic Counselor and in the case of employees, the Human Resources Director, who can refer them to appropriate resources (community or private agencies) that provide complete, confidential substance abuse counseling. Additionally, the Yellow Pages of the telephone directories under the headings Alcoholism Information & Treatment Centers or Drug Abuse & Addiction Information & Treatment Centers contain numerous agencies and practitioners specializing in the treatment of alcohol and drug problems.

SCI-Arc provides three (3) sessions of counseling free to individual students; students who wish such assistance should contact Abby Adorney at (310) 392-4490. Contact information for local agencies, centers and other sources of assistance include the following:

**Drug and Alcohol Abuse
Information and Referral**
Tel: 800.564.6600

Covenant House
7 days/24 hours
Tel: 800.999.9999

Alcoholics Anonymous Los Angeles
<http://www.lacoaa.org/>
Tel: 800.923.8722

Crystal Meth Anonymous
<http://www.recovery-man.com/cma.htm>
Tel: 213.488.4455

**National Council on Alcohol and Drug
Department & DUI Program (Court Cards)**
Santa Monica
Tel. 310.451.5881

Nicotine Anonymous
Southern California InterGroup
<http://www.scina.org/>
Tel: 800.642.0666

Cocaine Anonymous
<http://www.ca4la.org/>

**Didi Hirsch Drug Abuse & Mental Health
Service**
<http://www.didihirsch.org/>
Tel: 310.390.6612

Asian American Drug Abuse Program

<http://www.aadapinc.org/>
Tel: 213.293.6284

Matrix Institutes

<http://www.matrixinstitute.org/>
Tel: 800.310.7700

Clare Foundation/DUI Program

<http://www.clarefoundation.org>
Tel: 310.314.6200

St. John's Hospital

<http://www.stjohns.org/default.htm>
Tel: 310.829.8905

Good Samaritan Hospital

<http://www.goodsam.org/>
Tel: 213.977.2121

St. Vincent Medical Center

<http://www.stvincentmedicalcenter.com/>
Tel: 213.484.7111

COUNSELING

Antioch University Counseling Center

<http://www.antiochla.edu/community/general-category/aucc.html>
Tel: 310.578.1080

California Graduate Institute

<http://www.cgi-cc.org/>
Tel: 310.208.3120

Santa Monica Counseling Center

Tel: 310.395.4024

Southern California Counseling Center – LA

<http://www.sccc-la.org/>
Tel: 323.937.1344

See also other clinics listed in previous section.

WOMEN'S SERVICES

Jewish Family Services of Los Angeles

<http://www.jfsla.org/>
Tel: 323.761.8800

Women Helping Women

<http://www.ncjwla.org/>
Tel: 323.651.2930

**CONTACTS IN CASE OF
PSYCHIATRIC EMERGENCY**

The following contacts would be made in the rare case of a psychiatric emergency, such as when a student is actively suicidal, has become psychotic, lost touch with reality, or is experiencing some other form of acute mental breakdown.

Daniels Place

<http://www.danielsplace.org/>
Tel: 310-392-5855

LA County Mental Health

<http://dmh.lacounty.gov/>
Tel: 800.854.7771

For life-threatening emergencies, call
911

Many health insurance plans provide coverage for substance abuse programs to address substance abuse and rehabilitation.