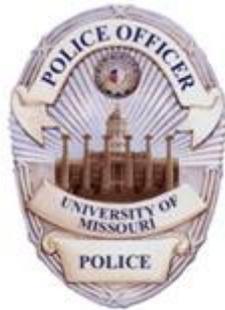


## Things to Remember

1. All decisions have consequences; poor decisions with alcohol have multiple consequences. This is especially true if you are a student.
2. The University Police Department does not target any specific group, vehicle, or individual for enforcement actions. We typically encounter these violations as a result of a group or individual who draws attention to his/her self. Examples of this are traffic violations, littering, shouting/yelling, fighting, use of illegal drugs, trespassing, etc.
3. We encourage you follow all rules and laws regarding the use of alcohol, and to make responsible decisions if consuming alcohol. Please contact us with any questions you may have.

**Contact the Crime Prevention Unit if you have additional questions.**

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## University Police Department

### Alcohol and Legal Issues



**What Students Need To Know About Alcohol.**

## What Do I Need to Know?

### **Alcohol is the #1 drug used and abused at MU!**

Crime statistics indicated that alcohol is involved in the vast majority of property crimes.

Alcohol is also involved in more than 90% of the crimes against people that occur on campus.

### **There are legal, financial, and social consequences when alcohol is abused!**

In addition to mandatory court appearances, fines, and the possibility of jail time/probation, students who abuse alcohol may be required to attend the BASICS alcohol education program, AT THEIR EXPENSE. This program is offered through the Wellness Resource Center and is supported by the students who participate.

In addition you may have your driving privileges suspended, be placed on academic probation, and be required to present programs to other students or the community.

## Alcohol Laws to Know

1. **DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED:** If you operate a motor vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .08% or above you are presumed to be intoxicated OR if your ability to drive is significantly impaired by the use of drugs or alcohol, you are guilty of this crime.
2. **MINOR IN POSSESSION OF INTOXICANTS (MIP/MIC):** If you are under 21 years of age and have any alcoholic beverage in your possession, you are guilty of this crime. This now includes consumption of an alcoholic beverage. If a Minor has a blood alcohol content of 0.02% or more or is visibly intoxicated it is a MIC.
3. **OPEN CONTAINER:** Even if you are 21 or older it is a violation of City Ordinance to have an open container of alcohol on any city street, sidewalk, or parking facility. This includes a concealed bottle if the seal has been broken.
4. **FALSE IDENTIFICATION:** Possession of an ID issued to someone over 21 is a crime if you are under 21.

## The Office of Student Conduct

Most violations of State or Local laws also violate the Student Code of Conduct. Students who violate the Code of Conduct may be required to appear before the Judicial Peer Advisory Council.

The Judicial Peer Advisory Council has the authority to assign community service, academic probation, or expel students from the University. The Judicial Peer Advisory Council is also authorized to assess a fee for examining each case.

### ***IT'S NOT ALL BAD NEWS!!!!***

***The University of Missouri is also dedicated to providing safe options to students who make responsible choices. These include: CHEERS, sober drivers can get free soda at any of the 60 participating bars in the Columbia Area; STRIPES, safe ride home program; SMART, server training. In addition to several education programs including BASICS.***