

Drug Prevention

Wards Corner Beauty Academy believes that the illegal use of drugs and alcohol presents a serious health and safety hazard and interferes with educational and occupational success. Students, faculty and staff may not consume alcoholic beverages on school property, during classes, or in connection with activities officially sponsored by the school.

Wards Corner Beauty Academy supports all federal, state and local ordinances pertaining to alcohol and drugs and will fully cooperate with law enforcement authorities to protect the students, staff and faculty of the institution from the illegal possession, purchase, sale, and manufacture of controlled substances and alcohol. The institution will refer offenders to the proper civil authorities. Regardless of whether the legal action is pursued by the school or outside agencies, disciplinary action will be taken by the institution for violations of the law. All students, faculty and staff should be familiar with the Drug Free Campus Policy and abide by it. In addition, all college faculty, staff and student employees must be in compliance with the Wards Corner Beauty Academy Drug Free Workplace Policy.

Behavior that disrupts the educational environment, causes public inconvenience, annoyance or alarm, or recklessly creates a risk to people and/or property even though motivated by alcohol is a violation of law and institution policy.

a. Health Risks

As part of the effort to create a drug-free campus, Wards Corner Beauty Academy believes that the all staff and students should be educated about the physical and emotional health hazards the misuse of drugs and alcohol presents. Wards Corner Beauty Academy provides the following information. Listed below are some of the health risks associated with using/abusing alcohol and various drugs. For additional information on alcohol- and drug-related health risks please visit www.factsontap.org, www.drugfreeamerica.org and www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov. (Please note that the dangers associated with substance abuse are not limited to only the conditions listed below.)

Substance	Known Health Risks
Alcohol	Heart and liver damage; brain damage; death from overdose and accidents.

Marijuana/Hashish	Impaired memory perception, interference with psychological maturation, possible damage to lungs and heart, psychological dependence.
Cocaine	Intense psychological dependence, sleeplessness and anxiety, nasal passage damage, lung damage, and death from overdose.
Stimulants	Loss of appetite, hallucinations, paranoia, convulsions, brain damage, cancers of the lung, throat, mouth, death from overdose.

b. Alcohol Policy

The possession, consumption, or sale of alcohol on campus or at institution sponsored activities is prohibited, unless specifically sanctioned by the institution and allowed by state and local alcoholic beverage regulations. The use of alcoholic beverages in the following instances must be approved by the President or his or her designee: (1) on campus and at functions sponsored by, or primarily for, students; and (2) at off-campus student functions sponsored by recognized student organizations.

Non-alcoholic beverages and food items must be available at the same place as the alcoholic beverages and readily accessible as long as alcoholic beverages are available. Advertisements for social functions may not describe the availability of alcohol as a promotional tool nor promote consumption of alcohol by minors.

All persons must have proof of age at any activity involving the consumption of alcoholic beverages. If alcoholic beverages are served, the sponsoring organization must implement precautionary measures to ensure that alcoholic beverages are not accessible or served to persons under the legal drinking age or to persons who appear to be intoxicated.

Individuals involved in the illegal use or distribution of alcohol are subject to arrest and institution disciplinary action.

c. Drugs

Wards Corner Beauty Academy prohibits the possession, use, or distribution of illegal drugs on institution property. Possession, sale, use, or distribution of controlled substances, including marijuana, is a violation of federal and state laws and institution policy. Students and employees who violate state or federal drug laws will be referred by Wards Corner Beauty Academy institution to the appropriate authorities for criminal prosecution, and, if convicted, may be subject to suspension, termination, or expulsion from the institution.

2. Legal Sanctions for Unlawful Possession of Alcohol and Drugs

In addition to violating institution policy, unlawful possession of alcohol and drugs may violate federal and state laws. Students and employees entering institution property under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be referred to treatment and/or reported to local authorities. All other persons will be reported to local authorities immediately. The following summary provides information on some of the potential legal penalties for drug and alcohol violations:

a. Alcohol Violations

The legal drinking age in the United States is 21 in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Legal drinking age is 18 in the U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and Guam. Persons possessing or consuming alcohol under the legal drinking age may face fines or jail time. Many states impose severe penalties for persons using false identification to purchase or consume alcohol.

Driving while under the influence of alcohol is a serious offense. In addition to restrictions on blood alcohol content for drivers above the legal drinking age, many states also have strict “zero tolerance” laws prohibiting driving under the influence of any amount of alcohol if the driver is under the age of 21.

Specific information on legal penalties for alcohol violations in the states in which the campus has physical campuses can be located at the following websites:

National

National Traffic Highway Safety Commission: “Stop Impaired Driving”

<http://www.stopimpaireddriving.org/>

Virginia

Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control

<http://www.abc.state.va.us/education.html>

b. Drug Violations

Possession of any controlled substance, including drugs such as marijuana, cocaine, LSD and ecstasy, as well as unauthorized prescription medications, drug paraphernalia and materials used to manufacture or distribute illegal drugs, can result in serious penalties under federal and state laws, including imprisonment and large fines. Penalties increase sharply if the conviction involves possession, distribution or manufacture of controlled substances while on the grounds of a school or college.

In addition, students convicted of possessing or selling illegal drugs (not including alcohol and tobacco) may be ineligible to participate in federal student loan programs offered by the U.S. Department of Education. Additional information on penalties for violating controlled substance laws can be found at the website for the Drug Enforcement Administration, located at the following link: <http://www.justice.gov/dea/pubs/abuse/1-csa.htm#Penalties>

4. Treatment Resources for Alcohol and Drug Addiction

Students or employees who need assistance in overcoming alcohol- or drug-related problems are encouraged to contact the substance abuse organizations listed below or in the additional resource listing in Part V of this report.

Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Association

1-800-662-HELP

www.samhsa.gov

The Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Association (“SAMHSA”) is the Federal agency charged with improving the quality and availability of prevention, treatment, and rehabilitative services in order to reduce illness, death, disability, and cost to society resulting from substance abuse and mental illnesses.

The SAMHSA website has a treatment facility locator searchable by type of treatment, form of treatment and forms of payment accepted.

American Council on Alcoholism 1-800-527-5344, www.aca-usa.org

The American Council on Alcoholism (ACA) is a national non-profit health organization dedicated to educating the public about the effects of alcohol, alcoholism, and alcohol abuse, as well as the need for prompt, effective, available, and affordable treatment.

Alcoholics Anonymous www.aa.org

Alcoholics Anonymous is worldwide with meetings in almost every community. Contact a nearby central office, intergroup, or answering service to find specific locations. Telephone numbers for Alcoholics Anonymous are often listed in local telephone directories. Outside of the United States and Canada, contact the International General Services Office.

Tidewater Intergroup

4968 Euclid Road
Suite C-1
Virginia Beach, VA 23462
(757)490-3980

www.tidewaterintergroup.org

Narcotics Anonymous www.na.org

Narcotics Anonymous is an international, community-based association of recovering drug addicts with more than 31,000 weekly meetings in over 100 countries worldwide. To find a meeting in your area, contact one of the registered Narcotics Anonymous service committees and groups.

Tidewater Area

(Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk and Virginia Beach, VA; and Kill Devil Hills, NC).

<http://www.rovna.org/>

(757) 459-8467