February 21, 2018

Dear Students:

As Unofficial St. Patrick’s Day approaches, we strongly encourage safety, responsibility and respect for your fellow students, this community, and for yourselves. Activities such as binge drinking that are associated with this event pose serious risks to your health and safety. Very regretfully, there have been incidents of death and many more have been seriously injured, hospitalized, or both as a result of activity during Unofficial. If you drink, please do so legally, responsibly, and in moderation.

Safety Suggestions and Laws to be Aware:

- Keep parties small and only allow invited guests. Ensure everyone at the party choosing to consume alcohol is at least 21 years old. If there are uninvited guests at your party, ask them to leave and, if they won’t, call the police.
- Per Illinois Social Host Laws, if you host a party, and underage guests possess alcohol or are drinking, you will be physically arrested and charged with a Class “A” misdemeanor. If a person is injured or killed as a result of your party, even after they have left the party, you will be arrested and charged with a Class 4 felony.
- Exercise enhanced safety while commuting – as a pedestrian, cyclist, or motorist. Being intoxicated comes with delayed reflexes, reduced coordination, impaired memory, poor judgement, and other impairments. Arrange for travel plans before any drinking begins.
- Do not carry open alcohol in public. It is against Illinois law and subject to fines.
- Don’t test your balcony by overcrowding it with guests and do not incorporate games or play that involve tossing items from your balcony. Those too are subject to fines.
- Look out for each other. If you see an individual who needs assistance, call 9-1-1 so they can be evaluated and provided safety. It is critically important to call for help when someone is in medical distress or if their safety is otherwise threatened.
- The State of Illinois’ Medical Amnesty Law allows people who are drinking underage to call 9-1-1 for a friend without the risk of receiving a citation. The university’s Medical Amnesty and Good Samaritan procedures reinforce this by protecting students from legal or disciplinary consequences to the victim or themselves.

Law enforcement will be out during Unofficial, monitoring parties and taking enforcement action. Our primary goal on March 2, as it is every day, will be to ensure the safety of everyone in our community and campus. We’d like to count on your support and cooperation to help achieve this goal.

Sincerely,

Matthew Myrick
Interim Chief of Police
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Anthony Cobb
Chief of Police
Champaign Police Department

Sylvia Morgan
Chief of Police
Urbana Police Department
In preparation for Unofficial St. Patrick’s Day activities, the Champaign and Urbana Police and Fire Departments are encouraging students, community members and potential visitors to celebrate responsibly. Maintaining order and public safety is of upmost concern for our community. Public safety officials will have zero tolerance when responding to calls of loud parties and disorderly intoxicated subjects. We ask that apartment complexes, participating establishments, party organizers, etc., strictly adhere to and enforce any violations or issues associated with this event.

**Things to keep in mind:**

- It is illegal to charge for cups, alcoholic drinks, or for admission to a private party. Doing so could result in the host’s arrest and multiple fines.

- Those who possess or present false, fraudulent, or altered IDs may face minimum fines of $200-$350. Both the person in possession of the ID and the person loaning the use of the ID will be reported to the State Liquor Commissioner and will be subject to Secretary of State’s penalties, including a 1-year suspension of driving privileges.

- Legal blood alcohol concentration in IL is 0.08%, but drivers under 21 with any trace of alcohol in their system can lose their driving privileges.

- Individuals can be arrested and face criminal charges for simply allowing or permitting persons under the age of 21 to drink alcohol at their residence or on their property—even if the individual did not directly supply or provide the underage person with alcohol. You can be arrested and charged with a Class A Misdemeanor, face fines of at least $500, and/or can be charged with a Class 4 Felony if the violation directly or indirectly results in great bodily harm or death to any person.

- Balconies are not designed to hold the weight of an entire party. Each person on any given balcony must have 7 square feet of space. Throwing dangerous materials off balconies can result in fines up to $750. If the person cannot be identified, the renters listed on the lease will be cited.

- Both cities have noise ordinances prohibiting loud and raucous noise that can be heard beyond property boundary lines. Violations can result in termination of the party and clearing of the event location, as well as fines.

*See back for typical offenses and fine schedule*
## FINE SCHEDULE

Effective 2018

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<td>Minor in a liquor establishment (under 19 years of age in Champaign and under 18yo in Urbana)</td>
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<td>Unlawful Use of ID (or fake ID)</td>
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<td>Sec of State penalties + 1-yr Driver’s Lic. suspension</td>
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Keep it moderate.

When your blood alcohol content (BAC) is **0.08%** or higher, you’re considered legally impaired. Download an app to help track your BAC.

Make a plan.

Never drink and drive. Walking or using public transportation are great alternatives. For added safety, travel with a friend or group.

Eat regularly and drink water.

Proper nutrition and hydration are key as alcohol is a diuretic and may cause you to become dehydrated over the course of the day.

Pace yourself.

Know your limits and don’t exceed them. There are countless alternatives to alcohol including water, sports drinks, and a wide variety of non-alcoholic beverages.

Major key: Look out for each other.

Check in on friends throughout the day. Don’t hesitate to call 911 if you or someone else is in trouble — the university’s Medical Amnesty and Good Samaritan procedure protects you from formal discipline action when you call for help.

Call **911** in an emergency

**SafeWalks:** 217-333-1216 or download the app

**SafeRides:** 217-265-RIDE (7433)
Alcohol Poisoning
What to look out for!

1. Person is unconscious or semi-conscious and cannot be awakened.
2. Cold, clammy, pale, or bluish skin
3. Slow or irregular breathing—less than 8 times per minute or 10 seconds or more between breaths.
4. Vomiting while “sleeping” or passed out, and not waking up after vomiting.

If a person has any of these symptoms, they may be suffering from acute alcohol intoxication.

Take Action:
1. Call 911 for emergency assistance. If you live in the residence hall, contact a staff member.
2. Do not leave the person alone! Turn them on their side to prevent choking in case of vomiting.
3. The university community expects its members to call for medical help when needed. In fact, our Medical Amnesty and Good Samaritan procedures often prevent a disciplinary response for both the person in need and the caller.
Call. Stay. Cooperate.

Medical Amnesty & Good Samaritan Procedures

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The Senate Committee on Student Discipline and the Office for Student Conflict Resolution encourage all members of our community to act in a safe, low-risk, responsible manner at all times.

When someone is in danger, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign students are expected to take immediate action to provide or secure assistance, such as calling 9-1-1.

Students are then expected to stay with the individual in need of assistance and cooperate with emergency and University officials.

No formal disciplinary action will be taken against students for their personal substance use when Medical Amnesty procedures are followed. Failing to call and assist when one is aware of an emergency may be an aggravating factor in a disciplinary response.

Read the complete guidelines online at conflictresolution.illinois.edu