

DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICIES



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Alcohol/Drug Possession, Usage, and Distribution Policy

Drug-Free Workplace and College

The use of illegal drugs and the abuse of alcohol at Brown Mackie College — Tucson or in facilities controlled by Brown Mackie College — Tucson are prohibited by College regulations and are incompatible with the Brown Mackie College — Tucson goal of providing a healthy educational environment for students, faculty, staff, and guests. The following information is provided in compliance with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989.

Effects of Drugs and Alcohol

Although individuals often use drugs and alcohol to achieve a variety of effects on mind and body that are found to be temporarily useful or pleasurable, drugs can be highly addictive and injurious. A person can pay a price in terms of his or her physical, emotional, and social health.

This price can be paid in a number of ways. The risk of contracting sexually transmitted diseases, including AIDS, is increased through unwanted or unprotected sex when one is under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Drugs can be the trigger for violent crime. Economic and legal problems usually follow directly when one tries to support a drug habit by resorting to crime. The dependence, illness, loss of job, and loss of family or friends that can result from drug or alcohol use and abuse can be tragic.

In keeping with the mission of Education Management Corporation and the requirements of state and federal law Brown Mackie College — Tucson has adopted this program to ensure a drug-free college and workplace and to prevent the use of controlled substances and the abuse of alcohol.

Health Risks Associated with the Use of Alcohol

Short-Term Risks

- Increased risks of accidents and injuries
- Alcohol-related traffic accidents (the leading cause of death for teens)
- Alcohol slows reaction time, decreases muscle coordination, and impairs vision
- Fatal overdose
- Unconsciousness or blackout
- Death by aspiration of vomit
- Nausea
- Gastritis

Long-Term Risks

- Increased blood pressure
- Increased risk of heart attack
- Brain damage resulting in permanent psychosis
- Cancer of the mouth, esophagus, or stomach
- Liver damage (cirrhosis, alcohol hepatitis, cancer)
- Ulcers and gastritis
- Pancreatitis
- Birth defects
- In males, testicular atrophy and breast enlargement
- In females, increased risk of breast cancer
- Prolonged, excessive drinking can shorten life span by 10 to 12 years

Health Risks Associated with the Use of Drugs

Amphetamines (Speed, Uppers)

- Malnutrition
- Hallucinations
- Dependence, psychological, and sometimes physical

Deliriants (Aerosols, Lighter Fluid, Paint Thinner)

- Permanent damage to lungs, brain, liver, bone marrow
- Loss of coordination, confusion, hallucinations
- Overdose causing convulsions, death

Depressants (Barbiturates, Tranquilizers, Methaqualone)

- Confusion, depression, loss of coordination
- Dependence — physical and psychological
- Coma, death (caused by overdose)
- Can be lethal when combined with alcohol

Hallucinogens (LSD, PCP, DMT, STP, Mescaline)

- Hallucinations, panic, irrational behaviors (which can lead to increased risk of accidents, injuries)
- Tolerance overdose leading to convulsions, coma, death
- Possible birth defects in children of LSD users

Intravenous Drug Use

- Places one at risk for HIV infection (the virus causing AIDS) when needles are shared

Marijuana and Hashish

- Chronic bronchitis
- Decreased vital capacity
- Increased risk of lung cancer
- In men, lower levels of testosterone and increase in abnormal sperm count

Stimulants (Cocaine)

- Painful nosebleeds and nasal erosion
- Intense “downs” that result in physical and/or emotional discomfort
- Tolerance and physical dependence can develop

Narcotics (Heroin, Morphine, Codeine, Opium)

- Malnutrition
- Hepatitis
- Loss of judgment and self-control leading to increased risk of accidents, injuries
- Dependence
- Overdose leading to convulsions, coma, death

Sanctions

Brown Mackie College — Tucson Sanctions

Brown Mackie College — Tucson, in all of its actions, seeks to uphold local, state, and federal laws. Insofar as permitted by these laws, the Brown Mackie College — Tucson, will apply sanctions that could lead to a student being fined, suspended, or expelled or an employee being disciplined, suspended, or dismissed for violation of the Brown Mackie College — Tucson, standards of conduct. Students and employees may also be referred for prosecution. Disciplinary sanctions may include the completion of an appropriate rehabilitation program, at the student’s or employee’s expense, if necessary.

State and Federal Sanctions

Arizona Crime Classifications

Crime	Offense	Classification
Possession of Marijuana	First	Felony
Possession of Narcotic Paraphernalia	First	Class IV Felony
Possession of Prescription drugs	First	Felony
Sale or Transportation of drugs	First	Felony
Driving under the influence of drugs	First	Class I Misdemeanor
Driving under the influence of drugs	Second	Misdemeanor

Arizona criminal statutes provide for drug offense penalties in relation to the amount of the drug possessed, the drug involved, and whether the offense is a first or subsequent offense.

Possession of drug amounts under the statutory threshold amounts are presumed to be for personal use in the absence of additional evidence to the contrary.

Possession of drug amounts in excess of the statutory threshold amounts are presumed to be for commercial gain.

Drug trafficking (selling, manufacturing or possessing quantities of drugs in excess of the statutory threshold amounts) carry prison time and fines under the Arizona Revised Statutes:

- Cocaine (over 9 grams): 1 to 3 years
- Morphine (over 1 gram): 1.5 to 3 years
- Marijuana (over 2 lbs.): .75 to 12.5 year (Depending on aggregate amount)

Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs carries the following penalties:

First Offense One to 10 days in Jail, extensive fines, court ordered treatment, license revocation

Second Offense At least 15 days and up to two years imprisonment, \$5,000 to \$250,000 fine, or both

Third Offense 240 days in prison, extensive fines, court ordered treatment, license revocation

Additional sanctions may apply if property damage, injury or death results.

Possession of alcoholic beverages by a minor is prohibited in the State of Arizona. Any person furnishing alcohol to a minor can be charged with Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor (Class 1 Misdemeanor).

Additional sanctions exist under Arizona law for drug and alcohol offenses including denial of student loans and grants, ineligibility to participate in home loan and other assistance programs, and denial or revocation of professional licenses.

The application of law and penalties vary from case to case depending on circumstances. The preceding information is not to be relied on as legal advice. Always consult a qualified attorney for legal advice.

Convictions for Drug-Related Offenses

Any student convicted of any drug-related criminal statute must notify the dean of academic affairs, in writing, no later than five (5) days after such conviction regardless of where the offense occurred. This is because under federal and state laws, any student convicted of a drug-related felony offense must be denied all federal and state assistance, including Pell Grants, ACG, ACCAP, and EGSG grants. However, a criminal conviction shall not be necessary to find that a student has violated these standards of conduct, and Brown Mackie College – Tucson need not, and ordinarily will not, defer its own actions and sanctions pending the outcome of any criminal proceeding.

Federal penalties and sanctions for illegal possession of a controlled substance include the following:

First Conviction Up to one year in prison, fine of \$1,000 to \$100,000, or both

Second Conviction At least 15 days and **up** to two years imprisonment, \$5,000 to \$250,000 fine, or both

After Two Drug Convictions At least 90 days and up to three years in prison, \$5,000 to \$250,000 fine, or both. Special federal sentencing **provisions** for possession of crack cocaine include a mandatory prison term of at least five years and up to 20 years, fine of up to \$250,000, or both, for a first conviction if the amount of crack exceeds five grams, for a second conviction if amount exceeds three grams, and for a third or subsequent conviction if the amount exceeds one gram. Additional federal sanctions may also apply including forfeiture of vehicles used to transport controlled substances, denial of federal benefits including student loans, grants, and contracts, and denial or revocation of certain federal licenses and benefits.

Danger Signals Indicating a Drug or Alcohol Problem

Following is a listing of classic danger signals that may indicate the presence of a drug or alcohol problem:

- Abrupt changes in mood or attitude
- Decreased efficiency at work or at school
- Frequent absences, tardiness, and/or early departures
- Relationship problems with family, friends, and co-workers
- Unusual outbursts of anger and hostility
- Social withdrawal

Advising

If you observe any of these changes in yourself or another student, you are encouraged to talk with faculty or staff member.

Abuse of alcohol or drugs can lead to dependency and addiction, with serious consequences for personal health and overall quality of life. There are drug and alcohol counseling, treatment, and rehabilitation facilities available in our area where students and employees may seek advice and treatment. The student advisor staff or a faculty member will refer you to one that meets your needs.

Tucson Area Resources

These organizations may be contacted for help.

Alcoholics Anonymous 520-624-4183
840 S. Campbell Ave, Tucson, AZ 85719
www.aatucson.org

Narcotics Anonymous 520-881-8381
Tucson, AZ 85712
www.na.org

Cocaine Anonymous
www.caarizona.com/tucson
Meeting times and places available on the website.

Rehabilitation Centers/Clinics

Cottonwood De Tucson – Extensive day services, family programs for alcohol and chemical dependency.
520-743-0411
4110 W. Sweetwater
Tucson, AZ 85745

Sierra Tucson – Inpatient treatment, family programs for alcohol and chemical dependency.
800-842-4487
39580 S. Lago del Oro Parkway
Tucson, AZ 85739

Sonora – Behavioral Health Hospital offering outpatient services for mental health and chemical dependency.
520-469-8700
6050 N. Corona Road
Tucson, AZ 85704

La Frontera Center – Inpatient treatment, outpatient services include a full range of individual, family and group counseling.

South Tucson	East Tucson	South Tucson
520-884-9920	520-296-3296	520-807-6040
502 W. 29th Street	222 N. Craycroft	6401 S. Country Club
Tucson, AZ 85713	Tucson, AZ 85712	Tucson, AZ 85706

The National Institute on Drug Abuse Hotline 800-662-4357 is available from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m., Monday through Friday and from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. on weekends.

A list of emergency and sliding-fee scale resources is available from the student advisor.