University policy recognizes that substance abuse is a complex problem that is not easily resolved solely by personal effort and may require professional assistance and/or treatment. Accordingly, each campus and System-wide Services have designated an individual to assist employees and students who seek referral assistance with a substance-abuse problem. Students, faculty, and staff members with substance-abuse problems are encouraged to take advantage of available diagnostic, referral, counseling, and prevention services. However, employees and students availing themselves of these services will not be granted special privileges and exemptions from standard personnel practices applicable to job performance requirements and from standard academic and student conduct requirements. The University will not excuse acts of misconduct committed by employees and students whose judgment is impaired due to substance abuse.

**Alcoholic Beverages**

The sale, possession, and use of alcohol on campuses of the University of Maine System must comply with the laws of the state of Maine and with local campus regulations and procedures. The acquisition, possession, transportation, and consumption of alcohol by anyone under 21 years of age is prohibited by University policy.

Alcohol may be possessed or consumed on University property only by persons 21 years of age or older in their rooms or in appropriately licensed and/or approved campus facilities. Persons are expected to assume responsibility for their own behavior while drinking and must understand that being under the influence of alcohol in no way lessens their accountability to the University community.

**Illegal Drugs**

The possession, use, manufacture, dispensing or distribution of illegal drugs (heroin, cocaine, marijuana, LSD, steroids, etc.) is prohibited at any time on University property and as part of any University activities. "Illegal drugs" does not mean the use of drugs under a valid prescription. Employees and students known to use, possess, manufacture, dispense, or distribute illegal drugs are liable to public law-enforcement actions and University disciplinary actions.

**Sanctions**

Employees and students who violate the University’s policy will be subject to disciplinary action by the University. The severity of the imposed sanctions will be appropriate to the violation; possible sanctions include suspension, probation, dismissal, restitution, official censure or reprimand, referral for prosecution, participation in a rehabilitation program, and other actions the University deems appropriate.

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- establish a drug-free awareness program,
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- impose sanctions or remedial actions for convicted employees.

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As a University employee, the Drug Free Workplace Act requires you to notify your supervisor (for example, Department Director or Principal Investigator) if you are convicted of any workplace-related criminal drug violation. You must notify your supervisor within five calendar days after the conviction. Failure to report a conviction may be grounds for dismissal.

Grantees must report in writing to the contracting or granting agency within 10 calendar days of receiving notice of the conviction.

Violations of the Drug Free Workplace Act can result in:

- disciplinary action, including dismissal
- suspension of payments under the grant
- suspension or termination of the grant
- suspension or debarment of the grantee

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**UNIVERSITY POLICY ON ALCOHOL AND ILLEGAL DRUGS**

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WHERE CAN EMPLOYEES GO FOR HELP?
Each campus of the University of Maine System has designated individuals to help students and employees deal with substance abuse problems. In addition to the designated individuals, you may discuss problems with residence hall staff, counselors, or your supervisor. Those individuals can help you get assistance from a trained professional. TDD callers may leave a message for one of these individuals by calling the University of Maine System Office TDD: 973-3300. Indicate the name and campus of the person you wish to contact.

EMPLOYEES:
UMaine
Polly Moutevelis-Burgess, Director
Employee Assistance Program
126A College Avenue
Telephone: 581-4014
UMA
David Lane
Director of Human Resources
Farmhouse
Telephone: 621-3100 or 1-877-UMA-1234
UMF
Robert Pederson, Director
Center for Human Development
115 South Street
Telephone: 778-7036, e-mail: pederson@maine.edu
UMFK
Tamara Mitchell
Executive Director of Human Resources
Cyr Hall
Telephone: 854-7533
UMM
Alexandria Patel
Director of Counseling
Torrey Hall
Telephone: 255-1233
UMPI
Myrna McGaffin, Director
Student Support Services
123 South Hall
Telephone: 768-9613
USM
CIGNA Behavioral Health
Employee Assistance Program
Telephone: 1-877-622-4327
UMSUNET
CIGNA Behavioral Health
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WHERE CAN STUDENTS GO FOR HELP?
In addition to campus resources you may find local social service agencies who can help. Consult the telephone directory. “Community Services Numbers” are listed in the front of the directory. Also see the Yellow Pages listings for Alcoholism Information and Treatment Centers and Drug Abuse and Addiction Information and Treatment.

The following state and national telephone numbers may also be helpful:
1-800-499-0027—Office of Substance Abuse Information and Resource Center, to receive information about treatment services.
1-800-452-6457—Maine Bureau of Drug Enforcement Marijuana Hotline.
1-800-662-HELP—Referral for Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services.

In complying with the letter and spirit of applicable laws and in pursuing its own goals of diversity, the University of Maine System shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin or citizenship status, age, disability, or veteran status in employment, education and all other areas of the University. The University provides reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities upon request.

Questions and complaints about discrimination in any area of the University should be directed to the appropriate campus Equal Opportunity Director or to Sally Dobres, Equal Opportunity Director for the University of Maine System, (207) 621-3199 (voice) or at (207) 973-3300 (TDD).

Information About
ALCOHOL AND DRUGS
For
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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM

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The criminal offenses most commonly charged under the Federal Controlled Substances Act are the knowing, intentional, and unauthorized manufacture, distribution, or dispensing of any controlled substance or the possession of any controlled substance with the intent to manufacture, distribute, or dispense. Federal law also prohibits the knowing, intentional, and unauthorized creation, distribution, dispensing, or possession with intent to distribute or dispense a “counterfeit substance.”

Simple possession without necessarily an intent to distribute is also forbidden by federal law and carries a penalty of imprisonment or a minimum $1,000 fine. Furthermore, “attempts” and/or conspiracies to distribute or possess with intent to distribute controlled substances are crimes under federal law.

Specific drug crimes carry greater penalties, including:
- the distribution of narcotics to persons under 21
- the distribution or manufacturing of narcotics near schools and colleges
- the employment of juveniles under the age of 18 in drug trafficking operations
- the distribution of controlled substances to pregnant women

The penalties for violating federal narcotic statutes vary considerably. The penalties may be more harsh based on three principal factors:
- the type of drug involved (heroin, cocaine, marijuana, LSD, etc.)
- the quantity of the drug involved
- prior conviction for a felony drug offense under Federal or State law.

With the exception of simple possession charges which result in up to one year imprisonment and/or a fine, maximum penalties for narcotic violations range from 20 years to life in prison. Certain violations carry mandatory minimum prison sentences of either 5 years or 10 years. Harsher penalties will be imposed if a firearm is used in the commission of a drug offense. If a drug offense results in death or serious bodily injury to an individual who uses the drug involved, the penalties are also more harsh.

Anabolic steroids are controlled substances. Distribution or possession with intent to distribute carries a sentence of up to five years and a $250,000 fine. Harsher penalties will be imposed if a drug offense results in death or serious bodily injury to an individual who uses the drug involved, the penalties are also more harsh.

Alcohol abuse and drug-use problems have become a national health concern. Alcohol is a chemical. So are drugs. Any chemical is potentially harmful to someone. Some of the health risks associated with alcohol and drugs are listed below. You should contact the resources in the back of this pamphlet for additional information about health risks.

ALCOHOL
- Slowing down of brain function, judgment, alertness, coordination, and reflexes
- Attitude and/or behavioral changes, such as uncharacteristic hostility, or increased risk taking such as driving recklessly
- A penalty taken with other drugs can intensify the drug’s effects, alter the desired effect of the drug, cause nausea, sweating, severe headache, and convulsions
- Addiction or chemical dependency
- Memory blackouts
- Uncharacteristic family, school, work, legal problems
- Physical problems such as cirrhosis of the liver
- Birth defects and mental retardation in user’s children

COCAINE
- Destruction of nasal tissues
- Kidney damage
- Stroke
- Diseases of the lung, heart, and blood vessels
- Cardiac arrhythmia, convulsions, seizures, suppression of respiration, sudden death
- Intense anger, restlessness, paranoia, fear
- Hearing and seeing imaginary things
- Malnutrition

LSD
- Experiencing frightening hallucinations
- Triggering more serious problems for a person who has a history of mental or emotional instability
- Distortions of reality such as feeling that the unusual and sometimes frightening effects of the drug will somehow last forever
- Tolerance with repeated use means that increased amounts are needed to bring about the same effects
- Effects may recur (“flashbacks”) days or weeks later, even without further use of LSD
- Death may result from suicide, accident

MARIJUANA
- Elevated blood pressure, coughing, dryness of the mouth and throat, decrease in body temperature, sudden appetite, swollen red eyes
- Panic reaction, paranoia
- Distortions of time, reality, and perception, often impairing short-term memory
- Possible addiction
- Dysfunctions related to thinking, learning, and recall
- Impaired ability to drive and do other things that require physical and intellectual capabilities
- Irritate lungs, aggravate asthma, bronchitis, emphysema
- Listlessness, fatigue, inattention, carelessness about personal grooming, withdrawal, and apathy
- Chronic lung disease and lung cancer

HEROIN
- Loss of appetite
- Addiction with severe withdrawal symptoms
- Drowsiness, clouding of mental processes, apathy, slowing of reflexes and physical activity
- Infection, hepatitis, or AIDS
- Death from overdose

STERIODS
- Liver disease
- Cancer
- Growth problems
- Testicular atrophy
- Bone fusions
- Acne
- Psychological problems
- Rage and uncontrolled anger
- AIDS
- Breast reduction
- Failure of secondary sex characteristics
- Sexual dysfunction, sterility (reversible), impotence
- Fetal damage

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Furnishing liquor to a minor (or allowing a minor under your control to consume alcohol): up to $2,000 fine and one year in jail. Furnishing liquor to a visibly intoxicated person: 6 months in jail and/or $500 fine.

Maine Liquor Liability Act: civil liability for negligently or recklessly serving alcohol to a minor or a person visibly intoxicated. If property damage, bodily injury, or death results, monetary damages may be awarded. This act could apply to a person or organization that is not licensed to serve alcohol.

Illegal sale of liquor (without a license from the Maine Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages): $300 – $500 fine plus costs plus 30 days in jail for the first offense.

Illegal possession with intent to sell: up to $1,000 fine and six months in jail. Any vehicle used to transfer liquor with intent to sell can be seized.

Operating Under the Influence (OUI)

Maine motor vehicle law makes it a crime for any person to operate a motor vehicle in Maine under the influence of alcohol or drugs or with an excessive blood-alcohol level. Penalties for first convictions are:

If your blood-alcohol content is .08 to .14 percent:
- a fine of at least $400, and
- loss of license for at least 90 days

If your blood-alcohol content is .15 percent or more, or you are traveling 30 m.p.h. or more over the speed limit, or you attempt to elude an officer of the law, you have a passenger in the vehicle who is under 21 years of age:
- a fine of at least $400
- at least 48 hours in jail, and
- loss of license for at least 90 days

If you refuse to submit to a blood alcohol test:
- a fine of at least $500
- at least 96 hours in jail, and
- loss of license for at least 90 days

Penalties for subsequent convictions are more severe. If you are stopped for OUI while under suspension for previous OUI, your vehicle may be seized. If you refuse to be tested, you automatically lose your license for a minimum of 275 days. Maine civil law also prohibits drinking alcoholic beverages while driving on a public road and the possession of an open container of alcohol by the driver or a passenger.

Special Liquor Laws Relating to Minors

Illegal Possession of Liquor

Any minor (a person under the age of 21 years) who is found to be in possession or control of alcohol, except in the scope of employment or in the minor's home in the presence of the minor's parent or guardian, is guilty of a civil infraction and shall be fined:
- 1st offense, $200 to $400
- 2nd offense, $300 to $600
- 3rd and subsequent offense, $600

Teen Drinking Laws

An individual under the age of 21 years shall have his/her license suspended for one year if he/she operates a motor vehicle with any alcohol in his/her blood. Refusal to submit to a chemical test will result in an eighteen (18) month suspension of a driver's license. One can of beer, one glass of wine, or one ounce of distilled spirits can result in a blood alcohol level of .02 or more.

Illegal Transportation

No minor shall transport alcohol in a motor vehicle except in the scope of his/her employment or with the parent's knowledge or consent. The penalty is a 30-day driver's license suspension. A reinstatement fee will be charged to get a license reinstated. Points will be assessed against the offender's license. Up to a $500 fine may be assessed. A second offense results in a license suspension of 90 days and a fine of not less than $200, and subsequent offenses result in a one-year suspension and a fine of not less than $400.

Maine law prohibits the knowing, intentional and unauthorized possession, furnishing (distribution or giving away), and trafficking (selling) of scheduled drugs, such as cocaine, marijuana, lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD), heroin, and steroids.

Possession can include merely allowing drugs to be kept in your room, car, or locker even though the drugs are owned by someone else.

Furnishing means giving drugs to another, regardless of profit. If a student on one end of a bleacher sends drugs to a student on the other end, everyone who passed the drugs and who knew (or should have known) they were passing illegal drugs is legally guilty of "furnishing" that drug. Sharing a line of cocaine with friends (even if the friends don't pay for it) is "furnishing cocaine." Sale of drugs to another, regardless of profit, is "trafficking." Sharing of illegal drugs is legally guilty of "furnishing" that drug. Sharing a line of cocaine with friends (even if the friends don't pay for it) is "furnishing cocaine." prevention of a drug-related offense with a prison term of more than a year.

Maine Drug Laws

- Furnishing a firearm
- Prior conviction of a drug-related offense with a prison term of more than a year.
- Traffic offenses involving selling or exchanging an illegal drug and getting something in return. Trafficking also includes making, creating, manufacturing, growing, or culturing drugs, or possessing with the intent to traffic or possessing more than a certain amount of certain drugs.

Aggravated trafficking (carrying longer terms of imprisonment or greater fines) involves an aggravating factor, including but not limited to the following:
- Trafficking within 1,000 feet of an elementary or secondary school
- Trafficking on a school bus
- Trafficking involving a minor (under 18)
- Trafficking 112 grams or more of cocaine or 32 grams or more of cocaine base
- Trafficking involving a firearm
- Prior conviction of a drug-related offense with a prison term of more than a year.

Some State of Maine Illegal Drug Violation Penalties

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