

The College has policies that prohibit the use of tobacco, alcohol, and drugs on campus. All members of the College community, including students, employees and trustees share the responsibility for protecting the educational environment.

TOBACCO

Harford Community College is a smoke-free and tobacco-free

environment. The use of any type of tobacco product, smoking device or equipment, or any item that simulates smoking is prohibited in all buildings and areas of the campus and off-campus sites supervised by the College.

(Policy as revised by the Board of Trustees April 10, 2007; second policy revision approved by the Board of Trustees December 10, 2013)

DRUGS

It is the policy of Harford Community College to be drug free in order to ensure a safe, healthy and productive work and learning environment. This policy applies to all employees, applicants for employment, students and others under the control of or contracted by the College.

(Policy as revised by the Board of Trustees 3/8/11; further revised by the Board of Trustees 3/11/14)

ALCOHOL

It is the policy of Harford Community College that the College is committed

to wellness and personal responsibility in the use of alcoholic beverages and limits the consumption of alcoholic beverages to receptions and events associated with cultural and corporate sponsorship primarily intended for employees, community or business patronage. Further, use, possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited at student events on- or off- campus that are organized or sponsored by College personnel or its agents.

(Policy as revised by the Board of Trustees 03/11/14)

The penalty for possession of illegal drugs in Maryland depends largely on the type and quantity of drugs involved. Possession of less than 10 grams of marijuana is, for example, a civil offense in Maryland punishable by a \$100 fine for a first offense. Possession of 10 grams or more, however, is a criminal offense punishable by up to six months in jail. Finally, possession of even a small amount of a drug other than marijuana carries a penalty of up to one year in jail.

The penalty for distribution of illegal drugs in Maryland, including possessing drugs in sufficient quantity to indicate an intent to distribute those drugs, is also dependent upon the type and quantity of drugs. Distribution of marijuana is felony and subject to a penalty of up to five years in prison while distribution of narcotics like heroin and hallucinogens such as LSD carries up to a twenty-year prison term. Finally, distribution of a drug containing fentanyl can add an additional ten years to a prison sentence for distributing drugs.

Possession of a controlled dangerous substance in violation of federal law is punishable by imprisonment for up to one year. Depending on the type and quantity of drug involved, distribution of a drug categorized as a schedule I through IV drug in violation of federal law carries a penalty of anywhere from five years to life in prison.

Under Maryland law, a person under the age of twenty-one who possesses an alcoholic beverage is subject to a fine of up to \$500. A person who provides alcohol for consumption by a person under twenty-one is subject to a fine of up to \$2,500 and imprisonment for up to a year if the underage person operates a motor vehicle.

Federal law generally promulgates alcohol regulations related to commerce and the States and not concerning possession of alcoholic beverages by individuals.

All students have the right to learn and grow in an environment free of the effects of substance abuse. To that end, Harford Community College's policies related to tobacco, alcohol and drugs mirror local, state and federal laws designed to protect individuals and the community.

The information in this document maintains the College's compliance with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989.

Students who violate the Harford Community College Code for Student Rights, Responsibilities and Conduct may be subject to:

- A \$75 fine for any violation of the Tobacco Policy
- Referral for disciplinary action and possible sanction, up to and including expulsion
- Criminal charges

Students receiving federal financial aid at the time of drug conviction may no longer be eligible to receive federal financial assistance as determined by the U.S. Department of Education.

Physical and Physiological Effects of Substance Abuse

ALCOHOL

- Distorted vision, hearing, and coordination
- Impaired judgment
- Altered perceptions and emotions
- Decreased social inhibitions
- Vitamin deficiencies
- Liver damage
- Skin problems
- Heart and central nervous system damage

TOBACCO

- Nicotine dependency
- Anxiety
- Anger
- Emphysema (lung disease) and lung cancer
- Yellow teeth
- Skin discoloration, wrinkles, and premature aging.
- Headaches

DRUGS

- Increased heart rate and blood pressure
- Insomnia
- Heart attacks, strokes, and respiratory failure
- Hepatitis or AIDS through shared needles
- Confusion, anxiety and depression, paranoia
- Loss of interest in food or sex
- Violent behavior
- Confusion, suspicion, and loss of control

Community Resources

Alcoholics Anonymous

Northeastern Maryland Intergroup
Aberdeen, MD 21001
800-570-4150 | 410-272-4150

Narcotics Anonymous

818-773-9999 | 800-317-3222

Heroin 24-Hour Help Line

866-925-4033

Aberdeen Proving Ground

US Army Substance Abuse Program
Kirk Army Health Clinic
Aberdeen Proving Ground
410-278-1716

Bel Air

Harford County Health Department
Division of Addictions
120 S. Hayes Street, 3rd Floor
Central Intake Line: 410-877-2340
www.harfordcountyhealth.com

Elkton

Cecil County Health Department
Alcohol and Drug Center
401 Bow Street
Elkton, MD 21921
410-996-5106
www.cecilcountyhealth.org

Edgewood

Phoenix Recovery Center
Substance Abuse Services
107 Edgewood Road
Edgewood, MD 21040
Hotline: 410-671-7374
phoenixrecoverycenter.com

Fallston

The Bergand Group
1803 Harford Road
Fallston, MD 21047
443-299-6766
bergandgroup.com

Campus Resources

Harford Community College recognizes tobacco, alcohol, and drug addiction as illnesses and as major health problems. To that end, the College offers tobacco, drug and alcohol awareness programming at various times at no cost to students.

Students who suspect classmates may be under the influence or in possession of drugs or alcohol while on campus may notify any campus employee, or may directly contact the **Department of Public Safety by calling 443-412-2272.**

Students may also complete and submit a *Report Form for Concerning Behavior*, which can be located on OwlNet under My Academic Life or on the College website under Student Intervention Services. Submitting a concerning behavior report allows authorized employees the opportunity to meet with students of concern and provide resources and referrals.

For more information:

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A STUDENT'S GUIDE TO COLLEGE POLICIES

HCC is a Tobacco, Alcohol &
Drug- Free Campus.