

## **Alcohol in Common Spaces Procedure**

Houses and suites in the Colonial and Commonwealth Courts, Bogan Hall, and Pilgrim Heights will have the ability to apply to have alcohol in their common space, or AICS status. Houses and suites become eligible when sixty percent (60%) of the residents of that house or suite are 21 years of age or older. Additionally, 100% of the house/suite residents must complete Bystander Intervention Training as well as an Alcohol in Common Spaces Expectations Meeting & Agreement.

If the number of residents who are 21 or older is under 60% and/or 100% of the residents have **not** completed all requirements, the house/suite will not receive AICS status, and the common room will be considered “dry” under the “Dry Residence Halls” policy.

Once a house or suite completes this process and awarded AICS Status, alcohol can be consumed in all common areas including the lounge and kitchen.

All houses and suites have the responsibility to adhere to the expectations outlined in the Room & Board Contract, all Community Standards and Residence Life policies, and Residence Life Procedures. If a house or suite is found responsible for any violation, that individual house/suite will fall subject to losing this privilege.

Residence Life staff will offer weekly Alcohol in Common Spaces Expectation Meetings. At the end of each meeting, residents will sign the agreement confirming their agreement.

### **Bystander Intervention Training**

All students looking to apply to have alcohol in their common space must watch Bystander Intervention Training by [clicking this link](#). At the conclusion of the video, students must take a post-quiz in order to verify that have watched and understand the content of the training. Students must receive an 80% or above on the post-quiz in order have this step be marked complete.

### **Alcohol in Common Spaces Expectation Meeting & House/Suite Agreement**

Students will need to attend an expectation meeting with a member of the Residence Life staff. During this meeting, students will be reminded of the policies, including alcohol, occupancy (see below), and explained expectations for contacting the resident assistant(s) on duty or Campus Police for assistance when needed.

At the conclusion of this meeting, students will complete the house or suite agreement to verify their attendance and the completion of this step.

## Occupancy

### Colonial & Commonwealth Court

- Common Areas: 40 students
- Bedrooms: 8 students

### Bogan Hall

- Common Areas: 20
- Bedrooms: 8 students

### Pilgrim Heights

- Common Areas: 25
- Bedrooms: 8

### Notre Dame du Lac

- Common Areas: 25
- Bedrooms: 8

## Documentation and Accountability

In an effort to ensure safety as well as hold students accountable consistently, the following tiered system will be implemented:

- **1<sup>st</sup> Offense:** Formal written warning to the entire house or suite acknowledging their failure to abide by the rules
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Offense:** House or suite loses ability to host gatherings over 20 for the next two weekends from the incident.
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Offense:** House or suite loses ability to host gatherings for the next 4 weeks

Reasons for adjustments may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Frequent warnings and single documentations to a house/suite
- Bias related incidents
- Quiet Hours or Noise violations
- Damage or vandalism
- Fire Safety violations
- Violations of the alcohol use policy, including alcohol evaluations and transports.
- Physical or verbal assaults that occur within or outside of a house/suite
- Violations of the Furniture Policy (including placing furniture or other Stonehill property outside of the building)
- Illegal access to roofs or ledges
- A common area being over capacity (Capacity for a Courts house common room is set to 50 individuals. Capacity for a New Hall or Pilgrim Heights suite common room is set to 30 individuals)
- Other violations of the Community Standards and Residence Life Policies

This system does not replace the Community Standards process. All violations of College policy will be documented and addressed through the Office of Community Standards.