

## Reformed University Drug and Alcohol Policy

Georgia law prohibits the purchase or possession of alcohol by a person under the age of 21 or the furnishing of alcohol to such a person. Driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs is also illegal. It is against Georgia law to, under certain circumstances, walk or be upon the roadway while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. The punishment for these offenses may include mandatory treatment and education programs, community service, payment of a fine, imprisonment, and loss of one's driver's license. Students facing legal action off campus may also be held accountable by Reformed University and face disciplinary action.

Under Georgia and federal law, it is a crime to possess, manufacture, sell or distribute illegal drugs. Reformed University expects all members of the community to comply with the state and federal laws pertaining to drugs. The use of alcohol, illegal drugs, and marijuana are prohibited at Reformed University for it is incompatible with the mission and goals of this Christian institution.

**A. Drug Abuse Violations** are defined as the violation of laws prohibiting the production, distribution and/or use of certain controlled substances and the equipment or devices utilized in their preparation and/or use. The unlawful cultivation, manufacture, distribution, sale, purchase, use, possession, transportation or importation of any controlled drug or narcotic substance. Arrests for violations of state and local laws, specifically those relating to the unlawful possession, sale, use, growing, manufacturing and making of narcotic drugs.

Classify as a Drug Abuse Violation:

- 1) All drugs, without exception, which are illegal under local or state law where your institution is located. This means that if you have campuses in different states, the laws may differ for each of them.
- 2) All illegally obtained prescription drugs.<sup>1</sup>

**B. Liquor Law Violations** are defined as the violation of state or local laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession or use of alcoholic beverages, not including driving under the influence and drunkenness.

Classify as a Liquor Law Violation:

- 1) The manufacture, sale, transporting, furnishing, possessing, etc., of intoxicating liquor;
- 2) Maintaining unlawful drinking places;
- 3) Bootlegging;
- 4) Operating a still;
- 5) Furnishing liquor to a minor or intemperate person;
- 6) Underage possession;
- 7) Using a vehicle for illegal transportation of liquor;
- 8) Drinking on a train or public conveyance; and
- 9) Attempts to commit any of the above.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Do not classify as a Drug Abuse Violation: Possession of a small amount of marijuana in states that have decriminalized this conduct, meaning that the conduct is no longer a criminal offense. Referrals that occur for this decriminalized conduct should not be counted for Clery Act reporting purposes; Use of legally obtained personal prescription drugs used by the owner in a manner not consistent with the instructions provided by the physician. <sup>2</sup> Do not classify as a Liquor Law Violation: Drunkenness (unless state law classifies drunkenness as internal possession and a violation of possession laws); Driving under the influence.

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\*Example of Arrests and Referrals (HRCC 3-49; 3-50)

**Note:** Statistics must be disclosed separately for each of these four general categories. This means that when *an incident meets definitions in more than one of these categories, it must be reported in each category. For example, any Criminal Offense that is also a Hate Crime or VAWA Offense, or results in an arrest or disciplinary action for a Weapons, Drug Abuse or Liquor Law Violation, should be counted as a Criminal Offense and also as a Hate Crime, VAWA Offense, arrest, or disciplinary referral, as appropriate. The Hierarchy Rule discussed applies only when counting crimes within the Criminal Offenses category.*

Reformed University offers students (semi-annually) to learn about the effects of alcohol and drug abuse, as well as the danger of tobacco. [MyStudentBody.com](http://MyStudentBody.com) provides students a good place to start for self-education on drug and alcohol abuse online, by which they can learn valuable information on the dangers of alcohol and other drugs.