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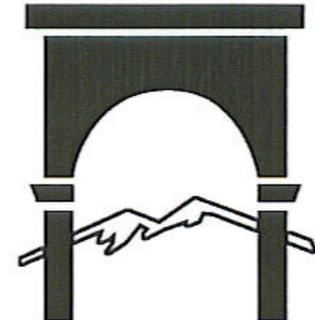
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**Drug & Alcohol  
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New Mexico Highlands University prohibits the illegal or irresponsible use of alcohol and other drugs. This includes the consumption, possession or distribution of any form of alcoholic beverages, marijuana, narcotics, other drugs or any drug paraphernalia at any university sanctioned or related, on or off campus, business, activity or event.

**Students receiving federal loans and grants** do so on the condition that they will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance during the period covered by the federal funding. Students in violation of student code of conduct could lose grants and other financial aid.

Possession is defined as, but is not limited to alcohol, controlled substances or drug paraphernalia found on a person, in his or her clothing, in or around a vehicle on university property or at a university-sanctioned event. Additionally, this includes any individual appearing on university premises or at a university-sponsored activity clearly under the influence of a controlled or intoxicating substance to the degree that there is danger to self, others or property. The University will enforce federal, state, and local laws, as well as its own alcohol and drug policies, and procedures that support these laws.

Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. 812, and implementing regulations, 21 CFR 1308.11-1308.15.

Controlled substances include, but are not limited to:

Marijuana, cocaine (including crack), amphetamines, heroin, PCP, hallucinogens, and certain prescription drugs. Illegal uses of alcohol include, but are not limited to, serving, buying, or drinking alcohol by a minor; assisting a minor or an intoxicated person to get alcohol; selling alcohol without a license and driving while under the influence.

**Legal Sanctions for the Unlawful Possession or Distribution of Alcohol and Illicit Drugs.**

Liquor Control Act: It is a felony under the Liquor Control Act for any person except a minor's parent, guardian, adult spouse, or adult person into whose custody any court has committed the minor to do any of the following acts:

1. Sell, serve or give any alcoholic beverages to a minor or permit a minor to consume, alcoholic beverages on the licensed premises;
2. Buy alcoholic beverages for, or procure the sale of service of alcoholic beverages to a minor.

To knowingly sell or give alcohol to a minor is a Fourth Degree Felony and punishable by up to 18 months in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

New Mexico DWI/DUI: Driving or using machinery after drinking or using drugs creates the risk that the user may injure or kill someone. This can result in homicide charges. License revocation, vehicle impoundment, fines and mandated treatment are also possible results of driving while under the influence of alcohol, marijuana or other drugs. The minimum blood alcohol levels at which drivers' licenses are revoked in New Mexico are .02% for those under 21 (zero tolerance) and .08% for 21 and older.

State of New Mexico Open Container Law: Prohibits open containers of alcohol in public, including all public areas of the New Mexico Highlands University Campus. At New Mexico Highlands University, open containers of alcohol are defined as holders or receptacles on which the manufacturer's seal has been broken. This includes, but is not limited to, cans, cups, bottles, kegs, etc.

New Mexico Public Intoxication Law: New Mexico state law prohibits the consumption of alcohol in unlicensed public places. In keeping with local and state laws, New Mexico Highlands University will not allow public drunkenness.

Identification Cards: Possession, use, sale, and/or manufacture of false identification cards are strictly prohibited under New Mexico law and the New Mexico Highlands University Student Code of Conduct.

Drug-related Convictions: In drug-related convictions, the University can permanently suspend eligibility for federal benefits, including financial aid. A criminal record can seriously hurt educational and career opportunities.

Other Penalties: Penalties for illegal drug use can include significant fines and imprisonment. Violation of laws by a foreign national may result in deportation.