Drug and Alcohol Use, Abuse and Prevention Information

Legal Sanctions

The San Diego Community College District is committed to providing a drug free environment. Any type of drug use, including alcohol, is dangerous and potentially life threatening. Drugs and alcohol adversely affect the body, mind and behavior. The effects vary from person to person and from usage to usage. Even low doses of drugs and alcohol can impair judgment and coordination. If you use drugs or alcohol, you risk overdose, accidents, dependence, ill health, as well as legal, financial and personal problems. The federal laws against drugs are divided into two categories: possession and distribution. The penalties are severe depending upon the type of drug, quantity of drug and any prior offenses. Possession will earn up to one year in prison and a $5,000 fine. Distribution will earn up to life in prison and an $8 million fine. State laws vary and may be more severe.

Standards of Conduct

Policy 3100 – Student Rights, Responsibilities and Administrative Due Process

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT
Students are subject to adhering to the policies and procedures of the San Diego Community College District, as well as all federal, state, and local laws. Students are subject to charges of misconduct concerning, but not limited to, the following acts when committed on District-owned or controlled property or at District-sponsored activities.

The following sections of the Student Code of Conduct pertain to Drug & Alcohol use, sale and possession:

• Participating in activities which are in violation of federal, state, or local laws or ordinances while on district premises or at district-sponsored or supervised activities.
• Smoking on District premises, or in vehicles provided by the district used for transporting students; except as permitted by applicable ordinances, laws, college guidelines and District procedure 0505.2.
• Use, possession, distribution, or sale of alcoholic beverages on campus except as permitted by law.
• Use, possession, distribution, manufacture or sale of narcotics or other hallucinogenic drugs or substances or inhaling or breathing the fumes of, or ingesting, any poison classified as such by the California Business and Professions Code Section 4160, Schedule "D," except as provided by law, is prohibited when on district premises.

The college will impose disciplinary sanctions on students who violate the Student Code of Conduct. See procedure 3100.2

Treatment and Prevention

The colleges provide information on drug and alcohol counseling treatment and prevention programs through seminars, courses, and through the Student Health Services Offices.

For important information on the use, abuse and prevention of drugs click here