



NPC Position Statement on Alcohol and Controlled Substances

The National Panhellenic Conference (NPC), one of the world's largest organizations advocating for women, is the trade association for 26 inter/national women's-only sororities. These 26 member organizations were founded—and remain today—to create safe spaces for women on college/university campuses and support good citizenship, scholarship, leadership and engagement on campus. NPC and its member organizations take great care to promote the health and safety of members. This includes NPC and member organizations developing and enforcing expectations, policies and procedures regarding the use of alcohol and other controlled substances, particularly during events and in chapter facilities.

NPC Member Organization Policies

As part of good citizenship, NPC and its member organizations expect members to uphold all local, state and national laws, including those related to the approved and/or prohibited use of alcohol and controlled substances.

Moreover, each NPC member organization is a private member organization that has its own expectations, policies and procedures for its organization and members. Those policies and practices are aligned with the best interests of the organization's members and are monitored and enforced by the individual member organization with and by its members. That includes any expectations, policies and procedures regarding the use of alcohol and other controlled substances by collegiate members.

Specifically, NPC member organizations:

- Develop and enforce policies on social event planning/guidelines where alcohol is present, such as requiring a third-party vendor—a best practice that mirrors countless college/university policies in place.
- Provide ongoing education regarding alcohol and substance use to their members.
- Encourage alcohol-free social activities.

NPC member organizations also have the right to set the expectations, policies and procedures for alcohol and controlled substance use in their facilities. Furthermore, it is important to note the vast majority of sorority chapter facility residents are under the legal drinking age in the United States, and member organizations take that into account as they develop and enforce their policies and procedures.

College and Alumnae Panhellenic Policies & Expectations

Per NPC policy, College Panhellenic-planned or -sponsored events shall be alcohol-free. Moreover, College Panhellenics shall not spend Panhellenic funds to purchase alcoholic beverages for any purpose.

Attendees at Alumnae Panhellenic events with alcohol present are expected to demonstrate good citizenship and model responsible drinking behaviors.



Partnerships With Institutions of Higher Education

NPC and its member organizations also seek to be good partners with institutions of higher education regarding the health and safety of our members and their students. We recognize those institutions may have specific policies for students and student organizations regarding alcohol and substance use. Members, chapters and College Panhellenics are expected to uphold these campus policies and student conduct codes, and violations by individuals and organizations shall be adjudicated by the appropriate college/university entity.

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