

PHI MU ALPHA SINFONIA FRATERNITY

POLICY ON ALCOHOL

In order to ensure the continued welfare of both its individual members and its collegiate chapters, and in recognition of the potential damage to individuals and to the Fraternity which can result from substance abuse, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity has established the following guidelines on the use of alcohol in the course of activities sponsored by local chapters:

1. Phi Mu Alpha supports the trend toward a "dry rush" policy on many campuses, and prohibits the use of alcohol as a recruitment tool. It is expected that chapters conduct themselves according to both the codes of conduct of host institutions and prevailing laws regarding the use of alcohol, and given that a significant proportion of prospective members are under the legal drinking age, the fraternity views the provision of alcoholic beverages at occasions where such members are present as inappropriate.
2. In the instances that persons of legal drinking age wish to partake of alcoholic beverages at functions which are sponsored wholly or in part by chapters of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, only members of the chapter who are of legal drinking age shall serve alcohol, and those serving alcohol shall be responsible for ensuring that those who drink are of legal age in accordance with prevailing regulations. Members of Phi Mu Alpha who serve minors alcoholic beverages, either wittingly or unwittingly, shall not be indemnified against the penalties which may result.
3. Chapters which choose to incorporate alcohol consumption by persons of legal drinking age in social functions shall be deemed hosts, and shall be responsible for the safety of those in attendance at such functions. In such cases, chapters shall be expected to provide "designated drivers" or other safe transportation from the event for those attendees who are legally intoxicated and unfit to operate motor vehicles. Additionally, no chapter member who has consumed alcohol during the event shall be allowed to transport anyone from the event.
4. Chapters which provide alcoholic beverages at social functions shall be deemed responsible for the safe conduct of persons who have become intoxicated, and shall be prohibited from allowing such persons from leaving the event unescorted in an intoxicated state. If it is determined that an individual is so intoxicated that safe conduct cannot be served, the chapter shall be required to provide that individual with lodging until such time as safe conduct from the event can be ensured.
5. Due to the legal liability incurred by the provision of alcoholic beverages at sponsored events, chapters shall be prohibited from the sponsorship of events where alcoholic beverages are served for the purpose of raising funds, or where attendance is not limited to members of the chapter and a reasonable number of invited guests. All-campus parties which are not restricted to invited guests, commonly referred to as "open" parties, shall be prohibited.
6. Provision or use of narcotics or controlled substances at functions sponsored by chapters of Phi Mu Alpha shall be strictly prohibited. Chapters in violation of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Article XIV of the *National Constitution*.

Chapters which are found to be in violation of the fraternity policy on alcohol shall be subject to immediate probation pursuant to Article XIV, Section One of the *National Constitution*, and may be subject to suspension under the provisions of Section Two of the same Article at the discretion of the National Fraternity.

While the fraternity recognizes the right of persons of legal age to consume alcoholic beverages, it does not condone excessive use of alcohol among its members or in conjunction with chapter sponsored activities. Chapters are expected to encourage responsible attitudes on the consumption of alcohol, and to take every precaution against contributing to an environment conducive to alcohol abuse on the part of its members and/or invited guests.

Alcohol abuse is a severely destructive force which causes lasting damage to those it affects. Thousands of needless injuries and fatalities result each year from alcohol related accidents. Under the provisions of current law, providers of alcoholic beverages may be held responsible in part for alcohol-related accidents if they fail to exercise proper supervision or take proper precautions to ensure the safe conduct of those to whom they have provided alcohol. Chapters who choose to provide alcoholic beverages at sponsored events should be aware that they are at risk of liability which could result in criminal prosecution and/or assessment of monetary damages, and that the fraternity will assume no responsibility for chapters who violate this policy or otherwise fail to act in a responsible manner with regard to the consumption of alcoholic beverages.

Responsible brotherhood involves a genuine concern for the safety and well-being of others. The principles which form the foundation of our fraternity demand that brothers take every possible precaution against any activity which could result in harmful injury or loss of life. If you choose to provide alcohol, recognize your responsibilities, and act accordingly.

Chapters which are unwilling to fulfill the legal responsibilities which are involved in the provision of alcoholic beverages, or feel unable to ensure that such responsibilities are met are strongly encouraged not to provide alcohol at chapter functions or other chapter-sponsored events.