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AMERICAN UNIVERSITY • WASHINGTON, DC

POLICIES ON SMOKING, VAPING, MARIJUANA, ALCOHOL AND ILLEGAL DRUGS

All AU students should take time to become familiar with university policies around alcohol and marijuana use and AU's position as a smoke-free campus. These policies apply to everyone, including faculty and staff, and are acknowledged when you sign into the portal.

Smoking and Vaping

AU is a [tobacco and smoke-free campus](#), so please remember that this applies to all forms of smoking, including electronic cigarettes, vapes, and all types of cigarettes (including tobacco, cloves, bidis, kreteks and hookah-smoked cigarettes.)

Alcohol and Illegal Drugs

AU takes a strong position against underage drinking and illegal drug use. Students charged and found responsible for violations related to alcohol, illegal drugs or illegal use of prescription drugs may face disciplinary sanctions such as disciplinary probation, removal from housing, or suspension. Parents will be notified. Students' actions off campus reflect on the entire AU community, and neighborhood disturbances violate [AU's Good Neighbor Policy](#). They may also violate the [AU Student Conduct Code](#) and the law.

Marijuana

Although Washington, DC has legalized recreational use on private property for people over 21, it remains illegal on public and federal property, including educational institutions like AU that receive federal funding. That's the law across the country, regardless of differences in state laws. Marijuana remains illegal under federal law and permitting it on a university campus or in residence halls, even for individuals with medical marijuana cards, would violate those laws.

As you've acknowledged when signing into the AU portal, marijuana use (in any form) and possessing, buying, growing, transporting, selling or distributing marijuana on AU property or in connection with AU activities is prohibited. It's also a good idea to become familiar with the facts about the [District of Columbia's marijuana law](#), which sets many limits on use and does not allow marijuana use by people under 21.

Student Conduct Code

AU expects its students, wherever you are, to conduct yourselves in a responsible and civil manner. If you have questions about your responsibilities and rights under the [Student Conduct Code](#), you may contact the Office of the Dean of Students (202-885-3300 or dos@american.edu) or the Office of Student Conduct And Conflict Resolution Services (202-885-3328 or conduct@american.edu).