

**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
FACILITIES USE POLICY**

SUBJECT: Statements on Alcoholic Beverages
POLICY OF: Vice Chancellor for Legal and Executive Affairs
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UW-MADISON POLICY STATEMENTS ON ALCOHOL BEVERAGES

In adopting and administering UW-Madison--Specific Alcohol Beverage Regulations, the following policy statements provide guidance concerning the circumstances in which consumption of alcohol beverages may be considered appropriate:

- Alcohol beverages are considered an amenity for a social or business occasion and never the purpose or focus of the occasion.
- Alcohol beverages normally are not served or consumed in academic, administrative, or research areas during usual business hours.
- The preferred locations for service and consumption of alcohol beverages are social, recreational and dining facilities, such as program facilities of the Wisconsin Union, the Division of University Housing, the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics, the University Club, and UW-Extension Conference Centers.
- With the legal drinking age at 21, a substantial portion of the student body cannot legally consume alcohol beverages, and therefore it may not be appropriate to permit service and consumption of alcohol beverages at an event where a significant number of those present will be underage.

UW-MADISON -- SPECIFIC ALCOHOL BEVERAGE REGULATIONS

- A. Unless expressly permitted under Regulations B, C, or D, use or consumption of alcohol beverages and possession of an open container which contains an alcohol beverage are prohibited on all University lands and in all University-owned or leased buildings. This prohibition extends to all areas within buildings, such as laboratories, individual and group offices, meeting facilities, and public areas.

In buildings or locations where the University does not own or lease the space used, the prohibition extends to the areas and period of time used by the University for the program, event or activity. The prohibition also extends to all modes of transportation used for a University program, event or activity where the University controls the arrangements for and the transportation used.

- B. Subject to statutory age restrictions, a person may use, possess and consume alcohol beverages, as follows:
1. In officially posted picnic areas on Picnic Point between the hours of 10 a.m. and 10 p.m.
 2. In faculty, staff and student family housing. (See Regulation D.3.)
 3. At home football games, in University-owned parking areas, provided the person has purchased a Special Events Parking Permit or is a guest of such person, but only during the period covered by the Special Events Parking Permit.
 4. At organized functions, subject to an Alcohol Beverage Service Permit issued by the Chancellor or designee, or an Authorized University Official. (See Regulation E.) In issuing an Alcohol Beverage Service Permit, the Chancellor or designee or Authorized University Official shall require that:
 - a. Possession and consumption of alcohol beverages be limited to the time period and to the room or location specified in the permit.
 - b. A responsible University employee be identified on and sign the permit application; the employee's duties shall be (i) to be present at all times during which alcohol beverages are served or consumed, (ii) to assure that the conditions of the Permit are observed by all persons in attendance at the function, and (iii) to assure that underage and intoxicated persons do not consume alcohol beverages.
 - c. An appropriate selection and quantity of non-alcohol beverages must be available and, depending on the nature of the function and its duration, an appropriate selection and quantity of food must be available.
 - d. Such other conditions as may be specified by the Chancellor or designee, or Authorized University Official, to insure that alcohol consumption, consistent with institutional policy, is appropriate to the occasion.
 5. At events where alcohol beverages are sold as permitted under Regulation C, below, subject to conditions consistent with this Regulation which are established for the event or activity by the Chancellor or designee, or the director of the unit selling the alcohol beverages.
- C. Sale of alcohol beverages is prohibited on all University lands, and in all University-owned or leased buildings, except:
1. where the sale of alcohol beverages is a service of the Wisconsin Union or the Division of University Housing;
 2. where the sale of alcohol beverages is a service of University Hospital and Clinics or the University Club within their respective facilities; or

3. where the sale is specifically permitted by the Chancellor or designee pursuant to an approved Alcohol Beverage Sales Permit.

“Sale” means any transfer of alcohol beverages with consideration or any transfer without consideration if knowingly made for purposes of evading this regulation relating to the sale of alcohol beverages or any shift, device, scheme or transaction for obtaining alcohol beverages, including the solicitation of orders for, or the sale for future delivery of, alcohol beverages.

D. Special Division or Unit Regulations

1. University Hospital and Clinics: Patients may possess and consume alcohol beverages as prescribed by a physician.
2. Wisconsin Union: Alcohol beverages may not be carried onto facilities under the control of the Wisconsin Union, except as permitted by its Director.
3. University Housing:
 - a. Single Student Housing:
 - i. Unless otherwise permitted under these Regulations, a resident who has attained legal drinking age may possess an open container of and consume alcohol beverages only within his or her own room.
 - ii. Subject to statutory age restrictions and conditions governing time and manner established by the Director of University Housing, a guest(s) of a resident may possess an open container of and consume alcohol beverages within the resident's private room.
 - iii. For purposes of this section, "open container" does not include kegs.
 - b. University Apartments: Subject to statutory age restrictions, residents and their guests may possess and consume alcohol beverages in apartment housing areas and facilities; except that only fermented malt beverages and wine may be served and consumed, but not sold, in the University Apartments Community Center.
 - c. Conference Groups: Conference attendees may possess and consume alcohol beverages in individual rooms and dens or, subject to conditions established by the Director of University Housing, at scheduled events in University Housing facilities or areas.

E. Authorized University Officials

University Officials in addition to the Chancellor or designee who are authorized to Issue Alcohol Beverage Service Permits under Regulation B are:

1. Vice Chancellors;
2. Academic Deans, including the Deans of the Graduate School and of the Libraries (for facilities within their respective jurisdictions); and
3. Directors of the Wisconsin Union, the Arboretum, University Housing, and Intercollegiate Athletics, and the Superintendent of University Hospital (for facilities within their respective jurisdictions).