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| Scope of Policy: | This policy statement sets out University of Lincoln's position of zero tolerance to illegal drug use and the unlawful supply of alcohol by students. |
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Alcohol and Substance Misuse Policy

Statement on the possession, use or distribution of illegal drugs or alcohol by students

This policy statement sets out University of Lincoln's position of zero tolerance to illegal drug use and the unlawful supply of alcohol by students.

1. The University has a duty of care for its students and aims to provide a safe and healthy environment for all. The University also has a duty to operate within the law. As part of this, the possession, use or distribution of illegal drugs or unlawful supply of alcohol on University property or as part of any University activities is prohibited, this includes:
 - 1.1 Any student believed to be under the influence of alcohol, drugs or other substances (either legal or illegal) and where this is affecting conduct, performance, relationships, and the health and safety of themselves and/or others (who may be affected by their acts or omissions) may be told to leave the University buildings. They may also be subject to disciplinary action (up to and including expulsion) or exclusion from University buildings.
 - 1.2 The University of Lincoln will respond to all reports of incidents and may take disciplinary action under the University Regulations.
 - 1.3 All reports of incidents will be recorded and intelligence will be reported to [Crimestoppers](#) who may share the information with the appropriate authorities.
2. The misuse of alcohol or drugs does not exonerate an individual from the results of their actions or from associated disciplinary action. In addition, the University will comply with the Misuse of Drugs Regulations 2001, and notify the Police if a student is found to be in possession of illegal drugs or to be supplying/producing illegal substances.
 - 2.1 If a student is charged, convicted or obtains a criminal record through the possession and/or supply of drugs, or the unlawful supply of alcohol, they may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion. More information is available in Part C – Student Conduct and Disciplinary Regulations in the [University Regulations](#)
 - 2.2 Information about the legal sanctions for unlawful possession or distribution of drugs and alcohol can be found on the [GOV.UK website](#)
3. The University provides support and confidential advice for any students who are concerned about their own or someone else's alcohol or drug use. Please visit the [Student Services](#) website for details how to contact them.
4. All staff and all students have a responsibility to report incidents involving alcohol and drugs misuse by contacting:
 - 4.1 For immediate concerns: Security 01522 886062
 - 4.2 For other concerns: Student Support Centre, Minerva Building Tel: 01522 837080 or studentsupport@lincoln.ac.uk
 - 4.3 There may be circumstances in which the health of a student suggests the consideration of interruption of studies on the grounds of ill health. The appropriate agreed procedure should then be followed.

5. Dealing with the discovery of illegal drugs or someone using drugs on University premises, or the unlawful supply of alcohol

Campuses

- 5.1 In the event of a member of staff or student discovering illegal drugs or suspected illegal drugs, or the unlawful supply of alcohol they should contact Security immediately on extension 6062 or 01522 886062.

Student Accommodation

- 5.2 Where there is suspected possession, use or distribution of illegal drugs, or the unlawful supply of alcohol, the University reserves the right to be able to carry out room searches where the student lives within University of Lincoln owned accommodation.
- 5.3 Where the student lives within other accommodation, landlords or letting agents will be informed in order for them to carry out actions as per their Terms and Conditions
- 5.4 In the event of a member of staff or student discovering illegal drugs or suspected illegal drugs, or the unlawful supply of alcohol, within core hours (9.00 am - 5.00 pm) they should contact the Residential Services immediately who are required to action as per the Accommodation Agreement Terms and Conditions.
- 5.5 Outside of these core hours, in the event of a member of staff or student discovering illegal drugs or suspected illegal drugs, or the unlawful supply of alcohol, they should contact Security immediately on extension 6062 or 01522 886062.