



**VICTORIA UNIVERSITY**  
IN THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

## Alcohol Policy

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## *Preamble*

Alcohol issues on campus are a shared responsibility. Victoria University, as an institution, takes the position that all faculty, students, staff and visitors to the campus have an obligation to make legal and responsible decisions concerning the use of alcohol. The University will intervene when alcohol is used illegally or when its abuse leads to conduct that endangers the individual or individuals involved, or that results in damage to the property and assets of the University or disrupts its activities or interferes with the rights of other persons.

The Board of Regents has delegated the effective implementation of this policy to the President or an appointed delegate. The policy will be reviewed by the senior management of the University at least once a year. A report on any recommendations for changes to this policy will be presented to the Governance and University Affairs Committee. The committee will make formal recommendations to the Executive Committee of the Board of Regents who will present any revisions to the Board of Regents.

## *Licensing and Regulations*

1. The University has a legal obligation to manage alcohol use on campus in a way that is consistent with the terms of its liquor licence and all other applicable legislation.
2. The University has a legal obligation to protect the safety of all members of its community and to protect the University from liability with respect to alcohol-related incidents
3. The senior administration of the University will ensure that those units responsible for the purchase, sale and delivery of alcohol on campus shall meet periodically to ensure a consistent approach to alcohol service and management
4. Specific regulations and practices concerning alcohol service will be developed in the context of the Liquor Licence Act and Regulations in consultation with appropriate committees of the Board of Regents
5. Regulations, practices and policies concerning the sale and consumption of alcohol at Victoria University in the University of Toronto shall apply equally to all members of the Victoria University community.

## *Alcohol Service*

1. Events or activities involving the sale or the serving of alcohol at the University shall be restricted to areas licensed by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) or under a Special Occasion Permit or a Catering Endorsement issued by the AGCO and authorized by one of the University's liquor licence holders.
2. Residences shall have and maintain procedures consistent with legislation, this policy and relevant University regulations concerning the service of alcohol, including restriction of consumption in

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public spaces, policies regarding private parties and policies regarding educational efforts to promote responsible consumption of alcohol.

3. Only individuals who have successfully completed the University's Server Training Program or are certified by a similar authorized training programme approved by the AGCO shall undertake the service of alcohol on University property.
4. Alcohol shall not be served to any person under the legal drinking age. Any event or activity involving the sale or service of alcohol at which under-age persons are expected to attend shall employ previously approved control procedures to ensure that no underage drinking takes place. Alcohol shall never be served to an intoxicated individual.
5. Any advertisements for events or activities at which alcohol is served shall abide by relevant legislation and relevant University policies; mention of alcohol on such materials shall be restricted to the information that the event is licensed.

### Education

1. The University should take steps to encourage responsible decision-making about the use of alcohol on campus by offering educational programmes both in alcohol awareness and in serving practices
2. Educational programmes regarding alcohol should be widely publicized and information disseminated to the University community.
3. Alcohol education programmes should be developed and reviewed by the appropriate committee of the Board of Regents in consultation with the senior administration and event organizers
4. Student training sessions such as event planning for residence don training, risk management, leadership training and orientation coordinator training should include information about alcohol, server intervention , harm reduction and safety awareness