



Acadia University Residence Social Events

Issue Summary

Students living in residence at Acadia University have traditionally enjoyed the opportunity to consume alcohol in a responsible manner. In the process of planning safe, responsible social events there are concerns with underage drinking, the use of alcohol behind 'closed doors', and 'binge drinking' (5 or more drinks in a row once every two weeks for men - 4 for women).

Management of Residence Social Events involving Alcohol

An organized social event involving alcohol includes 15 or more residents / guests.*

15+ participants

1. A signed event request form supported by the Residence House Council and Assistant Resident Director (ARD) must be submitted to Residence Life by noon on the Wednesday prior to the upcoming weekend if alcohol is to be consumed at the event. If the event is being organized by an individual resident(s) (not residence house council), the application needs to be signed by the organizing resident(s) and the Assistant Residence Director (ARD). The request must be approved by Residence Life and Safety and Security.
2. Students must be nineteen (19) years of age or older to consume alcohol.
3. The official fire code capacity of the room(s) to be used will not be exceeded. Please note that gatherings must be in a common lounge space. Gatherings of more than a few people are not permitted in individual residence rooms.
4. Access control issues will be considered as part of the request. If the assessment of the event identifies the need for additional access control personnel this expenditure will be the responsibility of the organizing Residence House Council or organizing resident(s).
5. Each resident may invite one guest. Guests are the responsibility of their hosts.
6. Residents and guests are responsible for event clean-up and damages. Clean up requirements exceeding the normal daily custodial routine will result in a charge to the event organizers. Damages will be assigned to those students responsible or to the organizers of the event if responsibility is undetermined.
7. Residence Social Events will typically be held Friday and Saturday evenings ending by 1:00 am.
8. A maximum of two events will be permitted on campus on the same evening.
9. One sober Event Organizer must be present at all times during the event.
10. Residence Staff assigned to an event will be in addition to those on normal duty.
11. House Councils arranging for the selling of alcohol at residence events must go through the ASU Bar Manager. ASU staff must serve all alcohol purchased in this manner. Pricing for all alcohol purchased will be at rates set by the ASU. Event Request Forms for events requiring ASU Bar staff must be received ten (10) working days prior to the event.

* Events of less than 15 residents and guests are considered informal and are subject to the alcohol rules for the residence. Events exceeding 15 residents and guests that have not been approved will be stopped.

Serving Issues

Food and non-alcoholic drinks must be provided at any approved event. Organizers must have the ability to account for the amount of alcohol and number of students.

Non-approved Gatherings/Events

We understand that not all events that take place in residence are organized by RAs and House Council, and we also realize that some gatherings take place without prior planning. As such, Residence Life and/or Safety & Security staff will use discretion when coming across a non-approved event or gathering of more than 15 people where alcohol is being consumed. For example, if there is a group of 15 people in a lounge having a beer and watching a football game, this will not be shut down if policies are being followed.

Residence Social Event Information Sheet

Details and Description of the Event

1. Residence: _____ Event Name: _____
Date of Event: _____ Time of Event: _____
Location of Event: _____
Description of Event: _____

2. Event Organizer:
Name: _____ Name: _____
(Primary Organizer) (Alternate)
Room: _____ Room: _____
Phone: _____ Phone: _____
Email address: _____ Email address: _____

3. What non-alcoholic beverages will be available?

4. What provisions have been made for serving food at this event?

5. Names and Room #'s of persons responsible for event clean-up

6. The time and date clean-up will take place (the latest cleanup will be permitted is noon the next day):

Signature: _____
Residence SRA House Council Rep or Resident

Date: _____

Signature: _____
Residence Life Safety and Security

Date: _____