Alcohol Problem Prevention Coalition

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Joint Southside Safety Patrol

Program Overview
Program Details

- Goals/Objectives
- Operational Details/Description
- Results/Statistics (as of November 22, 2010)
  - 135 calls for service
  - 79 citations issued for noise complaints
  - 8 repeat violations of the Second Response Ordinance
  - Routine communication with Center for Student Conduct and Community Standards
Peer Education and Outreach Efforts

- All affiliated Greek chapters were required to attend social host training

- PartySafe@Cal outreach efforts

- Press releases and word-of-mouth throughout the student community
Enforcement Visibility Project - Accountability PDQ

Tabling * Email Blasts * Workshops * Health Tips
* Facebook * Blogs * Res Halls * Coops * Greeks
* RA Training * Health Worker Training * Media

On Game Day, Just Play by the Rules

The ASUC Student Advocate Warns Irresponsible Alcohol Use Can Lead to Severe Repercussions

by Molly Fabian

As the campus public defender, the ASUC Student Advocate’s Office strives to help students avoid these situations. While some alcohol consumption before football games is common, certain behaviors will immediately attract the suspicion of game day officers. Most students are caught off guard by sudden signs while waiting in line to get into the stadium. Frequently loud talking, red eyes, and stumbling may prompt an officer to pull you aside, but make-believe remedies such as sunglasses and hats will not attract attention. If you are uncooperatively inebriated you will get caught, so we highly discourage excessive pre-gaming.

If you are asked to step aside from the line, the officer will question you about your alcohol consumption and ask for your ID. Remain calm and compliant as not to worsen the situation. You may choose to decline a breathalyzer test, but that leaves the determination of your drunkenness up to the officer’s perception. Even if you are over 21 you can still be cited for public drunkenness. In most situations the officer will forward your citation to Student Conduct. Typically, these cases result in a fine, an alcohol education assignment, and more importantly a seven-year Conduct record that can impact graduate school aspirations. Student Conduct will be treating football game violations with increasing harshness this year and the fine has been increased to $400.

Of course, game day does not end when the whistle is blown. The following tips can help party-thowers and partypoppers avoid trouble at night.

This year UCPD and BPD will team up on increased game day patrols to address unsafe and volatile situations. Be a smart host by regulating your guest list and keeping your party within the walls and at a reasonable noise level. If offi cers do come to your door, greet them outside your home.

Responsible Partying Is About Knowing the Risks and Using Common Sense

Having a Good Time Is Possible Without the Risk of Serious Injury And Legal Trouble

by David Garber

The three articles in Friday’s Daily Cal about campus and city efforts to address alcohol and safety issues clearly shows both entities are concerned about the problems. However, after every year at Cal and witnessing countless, easily avoidable mistakes due to irresponsible use of alcohol in particular, I have to say that it is time for a cultural shift. The majority of students tend to either look the other way or are not aware of the more serious risks and factors associated with them. For example, the alcohol-related fatalities around campus are now getting reported to student conduct.

I completely believe in having a good time, relaxing, celebrating and enjoying myself, but only if we don’t hurt ourselves or our community. When we drop this belief, many negative consequences can occur. It is all about risk recognition and management.

Though most of us do not like to admit it, there’s a lot we don’t know related to alcohol laws, penalties, safety and police relations. So, we know most of the minor-level risks, e.g. the hangover, doing something that we regret, missing a class. However, how many students think about the other way or are not aware of the more serious risks and factors associated with them. For example, the alcohol-related fatalities around campus are now getting reported to student conduct.

Personally, know your limit, how you’ll feel drunk and how you’ll get home safely. Curb the pre-game, doing shots and drinking games because you can end up in serious trouble. If you realize it, pace yourself — one standard drink per hour — and alternate between alcohol and water (the tap water in Berkeley is tasty, healthy, and free).

Most importantly, watch out for each other. If you see someone has had too much, step in, talk to the host and make a plan to help the intoxicated person. Know the warning signs of alcohol poisoning (CUTP) and call for medical help if needed.

Trust me, you do not want to deal with your friends getting a DUI or getting hurt or sick because you were worried about being Mr./Ms. Bureaucratic. If more students took the responsibility of doing so, then I would say a major majority of these problems would be eliminated. If the party is at your house, keep your sober and easy to find in case trouble arises. Know your guests, work out with neighbors in advance, and control the amount and flow of alcohol.

Its responsibility, use common sense, and you will probably never experience any direct serious negative consequences from alcohol. The same steps reduce the negative impact for the neighbors, campus and city too. If you want more information on alcohol or noise laws, tips on hosting parties or general alcohol safety tips, please check out the Public Safety & Cal website.
Discussion
Ongoing Initiatives

Chancellor’s Community Partnership Fund Grants

Cal Move-Out/Move-In Programs

- Move-Out 2010 (May/June)
  - 171 tons of debris collected by debris bins and City of Berkeley Public Waste trucks
  - 225 mattresses collected

- Move-In 2010 (Aug/Sept)

Cal Football Game Day Coordination
New Initiatives

2011 Town-Gown Conference
- Being hosted by UC Berkeley and the City of Berkeley

Cal Neighbors Re-launch
- Quarterly e-newsletter
- Please fill out the Cal Neighbors Survey!