

Our Mission

“We are committed to promoting student learning, civic responsibility and, through partnerships, developing the community necessary for the university to achieve its mission.”

~ Office of Judicial Affairs’
Mission Statement

James Madison University takes the reality of substance abuse and its negative consequences for our students very seriously. It is our hope to **PARTNER** with parents to curb alcohol and drug abuse.

Accordingly, JMU has implemented a parental notification policy to notify parents of their underage student’s alcohol or drug violations.

Available Resources

JMU Office of Judicial Affairs
<http://www.jmu.edu/judicial>

JMU Counseling and Student Development Center
<http://www.jmu.edu/counselingctr/>

JMU Core Alcohol Drug Use Survey
<http://web.jmu.edu/osar/Research.asp>

Alcohol and Your College Experience
<http://www.factsontap.org>

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
<http://www.collegedrinkingprevention.gov>

Higher Education Center for Alcohol and Drug Prevention
<http://www.edc.org/hec>

National Institute on Drug Abuse
<http://www.drugabuse.gov>

Partnership of a Drug Free America
<http://www.drugfreeamerica.org>

Social Norms
<http://www.socialnorm.org>

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Partnering with Parents

Alcohol and Drug Policies for James Madison University

Parental Notification

Parents may be notified when their underage student has been found responsible on-campus or charged off-campus in Harrisonburg or Rockingham County for an alcohol and/or drug violation. Parental notification will occur after one major alcohol/drug violation or after two minor alcohol/drug violations and any subsequent violation thereafter. For definitions of major and minor violations, please refer to the online handbook at:

<http://www.jmu.edu/handbook>

Three Strikes

After being found responsible for three alcohol/drug violations, a student may be suspended for a minimum of one semester.

Off Campus Convictions

Once a JMU student has been convicted of any felony or an alcohol/drug criminal violation in Harrisonburg or Rockingham county, he/she will be subject to university disciplinary action.

For more information please refer to the parents resource page on our website: <http://www.jmu.edu/judicial> or call 540.568.6218.

Laying Down Virginia Law for Your Student

- It is illegal for anyone under 21 to possess any alcoholic beverage.
- Virginia's Zero Tolerance law makes driving under the influence of any amount of alcohol a serious criminal offense for drivers under age 21.
- No one may use an altered or fake ID such as a driver's license, birth certificate or student ID card to establish a false identity or false age to purchase an alcoholic beverage.
- Violators of the above are guilty of a class I misdemeanor and, upon conviction, face a fine of up to \$2,500 and/or a year in jail and/or fifty hours of community service and can lose their drivers license for up to a year.
- A "drunk in public" charge can be issued for Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) levels below .08.
- You can receive an "open container" charge at any age. An open container can be a cup, glass, can, or bottle (with seal broken) containing an alcoholic beverage. Public places include any city park or playground, any public street in the city, and any open area to the general public which includes the JMU campus.

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Website: <http://www.abc.state.va.us>

Email: education@abc.state.va.us

Helpful Hints

When students enter college, they are confronted with the opportunities and challenges of campus culture. This may be the first time your son or daughter has been away from your home and your rules. You can help your student have a successful transition into college life.

**Desire to fit in
+
Absence of Parents
+
Availability of Alcohol
=
Potentially risky
drinking decisions**

You are investing in the future of your son or daughter by providing the information and support to help him/her make good decisions. The effects of college drinking may reach beyond the classroom.

More and more companies are doing background checks on potential employees as a result of alcohol related criminal convictions. Even acquittals may remain on his/her permanent record.