

Helpful Information and Resources regarding Alcohol and Drug Use while at Duquesne in Dublin

The Duquesne in Dublin program allows for responsible drinking if you are legally allowed to drink in your host country. Illegal, irresponsible drinking and/or misbehaving while drinking are violations of the University's policy. **You can find the Duquesne in Dublin Alcohol Policies in the "Appendix I" of this Handbook.** You are expected to know all of our alcohol policies and rules.

****The Duquesne in Dublin program has a zero tolerance approach to drug use while abroad. Students using drugs abroad will immediately be removed from the program at their own cost****

If you have questions or doubts about the University's alcohol and drug policy please do not hesitate to ask a member of the Duquesne in Dublin staff.

When Choosing to Drink in Ireland:

- **You are never to be drunk/intoxicated:** Your consumption of alcohol or another drug, and/or your behavior while under the influence, might lead to a violation of local laws in addition to program and University conduct codes.
- **You should never have alcohol on campus:** Duquesne in Dublin is a "dry campus" property. You are expected to use alcohol in a responsible and culturally sensitive way off campus.
- **Know your limits:** Certain types of alcoholic beverages may be stronger than what you are used to in the United States.
- You are expected to drink in a **culturally sensitive way**, mimicking appropriate Irish social behaviors.
- **You're an ambassador:** You are not only representing yourself but also Duquesne University, and the U.S. (or your home country). Your actions will reflect either positively or negatively on many people.

Consequences of Drinking Too Much

There are nearly 8,000 American students studying in Ireland each year. Beyond the incredible good provided by our programs to students, there are terrible tragedies that hit our programs each year. Many of these incidents are alcohol related and could have been prohibited.

Accidents and Injuries: Accidents and injuries are common among those who consume too much alcohol. Alcohol impairs judgment, coordination, perception, and concentration. Impairment of these skills can result in a range of accidents, including falling down a flight of stairs or tripping on the sidewalk. The injuries resulting from such accidents can be minor or they can be severe. Within the past few years a number of college students have died in accidents abroad while intoxicated. These accidental deaths include several students who have fallen from balconies or bedroom windows, drowned in lakes or ponds on the way home from a party, or tripped on the sidewalk.

Alcohol Poisoning: Alcohol, when used to excess, can cause alcohol poisoning. The effects of alcohol poisoning can range from vomiting to falling into a coma and subsequent death. Too much alcohol can cause vital organs, such as the heart and lungs, to slow down and even stop, which results in death. Very often someone who dies from alcohol poisoning passes out and is allowed to "sleep it off." This is a

mistake. Anyone who drinks so much that they become unconscious or exhibit any of the signs below should receive immediate attention.

Unprotected Sex and Sexual Assault: Alcohol use can result in a number of sexual consequences, including unprotected sex and sexual assault. Most sexual assaults involve the use of alcohol on the part of the perpetrator or the victim. Alcohol misuse can result in impaired judgment, which can put you at risk for either committing a sexual assault or becoming the victim of a sexual assault.

- A 2007 Middlebury College study from the Department of Psychology came up with the shocking conclusion that females studying abroad are 5 times more likely to be raped than those that stay home.

Theft: In Dublin, petty theft is very common and as in any major metropolis of the world, there is crime and those that would do you harm. Specifically, in Dublin there are people that prey on intoxicated American students as they have learned to expect this behavior from us.