Drug and Alcohol Prevention Program and the Drug-Free Workplace and Campus Program
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Standards of Conduct
The use of illegal drugs and the abuse of alcohol on the campus of South University Columbia or in facilities controlled by the South University Columbia campus are prohibited by college regulations and are incompatible with the South University Columbia campus goal of providing a healthy educational environment for students, faculty, staff and guests. The following information is provided in compliance with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989.

Effects of Drugs and Alcohol
Although individuals often use drugs and alcohol to achieve a variety of effects on mind and body that are found to be temporarily useful or pleasurable, drugs can be highly addictive and injurious. A person can pay a price in terms of his or her physical, emotional, and social health.

This price can be paid in a number of ways. The risk of contracting sexually transmitted diseases, including AIDS, is increased through unwanted or unprotected sex when one is under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Drugs can be the trigger for violent crime. Economic and legal problems usually follow directly when one tries to support a drug habit by resorting to crime. The dependence, illness, loss of job, and loss of family or friends that can result from drug or alcohol use and abuse can be tragic.

In keeping with the mission of South University Columbia and the requirements of state and federal law, [school name] has adopted this program to ensure a drug-free campus and workplace and to prevent the use of controlled substances and the abuse of alcohol.

Health Risks Associated with the Use of Alcohol

Short Term Risks:
- Increased risks of accidents and injuries
- Alcohol-related traffic accidents (the leading cause of death for teens)
- Alcohol slows reaction time, decreases muscle coordination, and impairs vision
- Fatal overdose
- Unconsciousness or blackout
- Death by aspiration of vomit
- Nausea
- Gastritis

Long-Term Risks:
- Increased blood pressure
- Increased risk of heart attack
- Brain damage resulting in permanent psychosis
- Cancer of the mouth, esophagus or stomach
- Liver damage (cirrhosis, alcohol hepatitis, cancer)
- Ulcers and Gastritis
- Pancreatitits
- Birth defects
- In males—testicular atrophy and breast enlargement
- In females--increased risk of breast cancer
- Prolonged, excessive drinking can shorten life span by ten to twelve years.
Health Risks Associated with the Use of Drugs

Amphetamines (Speed, Uppers):
- Malnutrition
- Hallucinations
- Dependence, psychological and sometimes physical

Deliriums (Aerosols, Lighter Fluid, Paint Thinner):
- Permanent damage to lungs, brain, liver, bone marrow
- Loss of coordination, confusion, hallucinations
- Overdose causing convulsions, death

Depressants (Barbiturates, Tranquilizers, Methaqualone):
- Confusion, depression, loss of coordination
- Dependence, physical and psychological
- Coma, death (caused by overdose)
- Can be lethal when combined with alcohol

Hallucinogens (LSD, PCP, DMT, STP, Mescaline):
- Hallucinations, panic, irrational behaviors (which can lead to increased risk of accidents, injuries)
- Tolerance overdose leading to convulsions, coma, death
- Possible birth defects in children of LSD users

Intravenous Drug Use:
- Places one at risk for HIV infection (the virus causing AIDS) when needles are shared

Marijuana and Hashish:
- Chronic bronchitis
- Decreased vital capacity
- Increased risk of lung cancer
- In men lower levels of testosterone and increase in abnormal sperm count

Stimulants (Cocaine):
- Painful nosebleeds and nasal erosion
- Intense “downs” that result in physical and/or emotional discomfort
- Tolerance and physical dependence can develop

Narcotics (Heroin, Morphine, Codeine, Opium):
- Malnutrition
- Hepatitis
- Loss of judgment and serf-control leading to increased risk of accidents, injuries
- Dependence
- Overdose leading to convulsions, coma, death

Sanctions

South University Columbia

School Sanctions
South University Columbia in all of its actions, seeks to uphold local, state and federal laws. Insofar as permitted by these laws, South University Columbia will apply sanctions that could lead to a student being suspended or expelled or an employee being disciplined, suspended or dismissed for violation of South University Columbia standards of conduct. Students and employees may also be referred for prosecution. Disciplinary sanctions may include the completion of an appropriate rehabilitation program, at the student's or employee's expense, if necessary.

State Sanctions South University Columbia

South Carolina Alcohol and Drug Laws Summary
The use of alcohol and other controlled substances can be illegal as well as unhealthy. All laws listed are subject to change. Under South Carolina state law you must be 21 years of age or older to purchase / possess and consume alcohol. First offenses for purchasing/possessing alcohol if you are under the age of
21 or buying alcohol for someone under age can result in up to a $200 fine, 30 days imprisonment and will result in loss of your driver’s license for six months. Disorderly conduct as a result of intoxication or having an open container of alcohol in a vehicle can result in a $100 fine and/or 30 days imprisonment. A first offense DUI (driving under the influence) will result in a $200 fine, 30 days imprisonment, and suspension of your driver's license for six months.

For possessing marijuana, hashish, methaqualone, or amphetamines, you can be sentenced up to 12 months imprisonment and/or a $1,000 fine. To manufacture, distribute or intend to distribute any of the above drugs can result in up to five years imprisonment and/or a $5,000 fine. If you are convicted of trafficking one of the above controlled substances you can be sentenced up to 30 years imprisonment and/or fined $200,000.

For possessing LSD, heroin, or cocaine you can be sentenced up to two years and/or a $5,000 fine. For manufacture, distributing, or intending to distribute any of the above drugs you can be sentenced up to 15 years imprisonment and/or a $25,000 fine. If you are convicted of trafficking LSD, heroin or cocaine you can be sentenced up to 40 years imprisonment and/or fined $200,000. For possessing ice, crack or crack cocaine you can be sentenced up to 5 years imprisonment and/or a $5,000 fine. If you are convicted of manufacturing, distributing or intending to distribute any of the above drugs you can be sentenced up to 15 years imprisonment and/or a $25,000 fine. If you are convicted of trafficking any of the above you can be sentenced up to 25 years imprisonment and/or a $50,000 fine.

Under the US Code of Laws, the possession of any controlled substance can result in a sentence of one year imprisonment and/or a $1,000 fine. Distributing a controlled substance to an individual under the age of 12 will result in imprisonment of at least one year and a fine. Manufacturing, distributing or intending to distribute any controlled substance within 1,000 feet of any school or youth center will also result in imprisonment of at least one year and a fine. To manufacture, distribute or intend to distribute any controlled substance will result in sanctions beginning at five years imprisonment and a $250,000 fine up to life imprisonment and a $4 million fine.

**Convictions for Drug-Related Offenses**

Any student convicted of any drug-related criminal statute must notify the Dean of Student Affairs, in writing, no later than five (5) days after such conviction regardless of where the offense occurred. This is because under federal and state laws, any student convicted of a drug-related felony offense must be denied all federal and state assistance, including Pell Grants and Hope and Life Scholarship, if applicable. However, a criminal conviction shall not be necessary to find that a student has violated these standards of conduct, and South University need not, and ordinarily will not, defer its own actions and sanctions pending the outcome of any criminal proceeding.

**Federal Sanctions**

Federal penalties and sanctions for illegal possession of a controlled substance include the following: **First conviction**: up to 1 year in prison, fine of $1,000 to $100,000, or both **Second conviction**: at least 15 days and up to 2 years imprisonment, $5,000 to $250,000 fine, or both **After two drug convictions**: at least 90 days and up to 3 years in prison, $5,000 to $250,000 fine, or both. Special federal sentencing provisions for possession of crack cocaine include a mandatory prison term of at least 5 years and up to 20 years, fine of up to $250,000, or both, for a first conviction if the amount of crack exceeds 5 grams, for a second conviction if amount exceeds 3 grams, and for a third or subsequent conviction if the amount exceeds 1 gram.

Additional federal sanctions may also apply including forfeiture of vehicles used to transport controlled substances, denial of federal benefits including student loans, grants, and contracts and denial or revocation of certain federal licenses and benefits (exhibit A).
### Exhibit A:

**Federal Trafficking Penalties for Schedules I, II, III, IV, and V (except Marijuana)**

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<td>II</td>
<td>Cocaine 500-4999 grams mixture</td>
<td><strong>First Offense:</strong> Not less than 5 yrs. and not more than 40 yrs. If death or serious bodily injury, not less than 20 yrs. or more than life. Fine of not more than $5 million if an individual, $25 million if not an individual.</td>
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<td>Cocaine Base 28-279 grams mixture</td>
<td><strong>Second Offense:</strong> Not less than 10 yrs. and not more than 40 yrs. If death or serious bodily injury, life imprisonment. Fine of not more than $8 million if an individual, $50 million if not an individual.</td>
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<td>IV</td>
<td>Fentanyl 40-399 grams mixture</td>
<td><strong>First Offense:</strong> Not less than 5 yrs. and not more than 10 yrs. If death or serious bodily injury, not less than 20 yrs. or more than life. Fine of not more than $5 million if an individual, $25 million if not an individual.</td>
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<td>Heroin 100-999 grams mixture</td>
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<td>LSD 1-9 grams mixture</td>
<td><strong>Second Offense:</strong> Not less than 10 yrs. and not more than 40 yrs. If death or serious bodily injury, life imprisonment. Fine of not more than $8 million if an individual, $50 million if not an individual.</td>
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<td>II</td>
<td>Methamphetamine 5-49 grams pure or 50-499 grams mixture</td>
<td><strong>First Offense:</strong> Not less than 5 yrs. and not more than 10 yrs. If death or serious bodily injury, not less than 20 yrs. or more than life. Fine of not more than $5 million if an individual, $25 million if not an individual.</td>
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<td>II</td>
<td>PCP 10-99 grams pure or 100-999 grams mixture</td>
<td><strong>Second Offense:</strong> Not less than 10 yrs. and not more than 40 yrs. If death or serious bodily injury, life imprisonment. Fine of not more than $8 million if an individual, $50 million if not an individual.</td>
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<td>Any Amount Of Other Schedule I &amp; II Substances</td>
<td><strong>First Offense:</strong> Not more that 20 yrs. If death or serious bodily injury, not less than 20 yrs. or more than Life. Fine $1 million if an individual, $5 million if not an individual.</td>
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<td>Any Drug Product Containing Gamma Hydroxybutyric Acid</td>
<td><strong>Second Offense:</strong> Not more than 30 yrs. If death or serious bodily injury, life imprisonment. Fine $2 million if an individual, $10 million if not an individual.</td>
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<td>Flunitrazepam (Schedule IV) 1 Gram</td>
<td><strong>First Offense:</strong> Not more that 10 yrs. If death or serious bodily injury, not more that 15 yrs. Fine not more than $500,000 if an individual, $2.5 million if not an individual.</td>
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<td>Any Amount Of Other Schedule III Drugs</td>
<td><strong>Second Offense:</strong> Not more than 20 yrs. If death or serious injury, not more than 30 yrs. Fine not more than $1 million if an individual, $5 million if not an individual.</td>
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<td>Any Amount Of All Other Schedule IV Drugs (other than one gram or more of Flunitrazepam)</td>
<td><strong>First Offense:</strong> Not more than 5 yrs. Fine not more than $250,000 if an individual, $1 million if not an individual.</td>
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<td>Any Amount Of All Schedule V Drugs</td>
<td><strong>Second Offense:</strong> Not more than 10 yrs. Fine not more than $500,000 if an individual, $2 million if other than an individual.</td>
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<td>Any Amount Of All Schedule V Drugs</td>
<td><strong>First Offense:</strong> Not more than 1 yr. Fine not more than $100,000 if an individual, $250,000 if not an individual.</td>
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<td>Any Amount Of All Schedule V Drugs</td>
<td><strong>Second Offense:</strong> Not more than 4 yrs. Fine not more than $200,000 if an individual, $500,000 if not an individual.</td>
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Danger Signals Indicating a Drug or Alcohol Problem
Following is a listing of classic danger signals that may indicate the presence of a drug or alcohol problem:

- abrupt changes in mood or attitude
- decreased efficiency at work or at school
- frequent absences, tardiness, and/or early departures
- relationship problems with family, friends, and co-workers
- unusual outbursts of anger and hostility
- social withdrawal

Counseling
If you observe any of these changes in yourself or another student, you are encouraged to talk with a Counselor. The college contracts with Talk One-2-One, a free service, which provides confidential professional counseling via the telephone 24 hours per day, 7 days a week, at 1- 888-617-3362. The Talk One-2-One counselor may refer you, for limited visits, with an area network mental health provider or assist you with locating resources within the community.

Abuse of alcohol or drugs can lead to dependency and addiction, with serious consequences for personal health and overall quality of life. There are drug and alcohol counseling, treatment, and rehabilitation facilities available in our area where students and employees may seek advice and treatment. The College Counselor can refer you to one that meets your needs.

Columbia Area Resources
There are also organizations that may be contacted for help. Information for local resources can be obtained through United Way’s 211 service (dial 211 or visit http://www.sc211.org/). The National Institute on Drug Abuse Hotline (1.800.662.4357) is available from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m., Monday through Friday and from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. on weekends.

A list of emergency and sliding-fee scale resources is available from the Student Affairs Office.

Alcoholics Anonymous - Greater Columbia Intergroup  
3014 Devine St, Room 103, Columbia, SC 29201  
(803) 254-5301  
www.area62.org/

Columbia Metro Treatment Center - Methadone Facility  
421 Capital SQ, West Columbia, SC 29169  
(803) 791-9422  
www.methadonetreatment.com

LRADAC  
2711 Colonial Drive, Columbia, SC 29203  
(803) 726-9300  
http://www.lradac.org/
Narcotics Anonymous - Columbia
PO Box 8743, Columbia, SC 29202
(803) 254-6262
www.crna.org

South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services (DAODAS)
2414 Bull St, Columbia, SC 29202
(803) 896-5555
www.daodas.state.sc.us

Three Rivers for Behavioral Health
2900 Sunset Blvd, West Columbia, SC 29169
(803) 796-9911
www.threeriversbehavioral.org

The Women's Shelter
3425 N Main St, Columbia, SC 29203
(803) 779-4706
www.womenshelter.org