



Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Policy

Winonah School of Cosmetology has a zero drug and alcohol tolerance policy (This also includes prescription drugs which may alter the mind and/or motor skills). When the institution feels it is necessary, law enforcement may be called at any time in the event of an incident of drug and/or alcohol and/or weapons, and you may be terminated. Additional information, including health risk associated with the use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol, along with drug and alcohol counseling and treatment information, can be located at www.mh.alabama.gov.

Federal Penalties and Sanctions for Illegal Possession of a Controlled Substance

Under Alabama law, the possession, purchase, or consumption of alcoholic beverages by a person under 21 years of age is punishable by a fine of up to \$500 and by up to three months in jail. Also under Alabama law, for a first offense, unlawful possession of a controlled substance (that is, illegal drugs) may be punished by imprisonment up to ten years and a \$5,000 fine and unlawful distribution of controlled substances may be punished by imprisonment up to 20 years and a \$10,000 fine. Subsequent offenses may carry more stringent sentences.

Other Consequences includes:

- Denial of Federal benefits, such as student loans, grants, contracts, and professional and commercial licenses, up to 1 year for first offense, up to 5 years for second and subsequent offenses.

Drug and Alcohol Use Health Risks

Alcohol's effects vary from person to person, depending on a variety of factors, including:

- How much you drink
- How often you drink
- Your age
- Your health status
- Your family history

For more information on alcohol's effects on the body, please visit <https://www.niaaa.nih.gov/>. You can also learn the facts about the most commonly abused drugs and their health risks at:

<https://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/drugs-brains-behavior-science-addiction/addiction-health>