Vermont Technical College
Manual of Policy and Procedure

Alcoholic Beverages

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Purpose

Vermont Technical College allows the use of alcohol by members of its community and guests as a privilege, not as a right. At all times this use will be in accordance with the laws of the State of Vermont and the policies of the Vermont State Colleges.

Policy

Use of alcoholic beverages on the property of the College is allowed as follows:

Individuals 21 years of age or older may:

1. Consume in the privacy of their residence hall room provided that their room is not located on a designated substance free floor or residence hall.

2. Purchase and consume alcohol at locations and functions operated by the College’s food service agent holding a Vermont liquor license or other events authorized and approved by the College.

Vermont Technical College allows drinking only in a responsible and legal manner by community members and guests. Violations will result in disciplinary action by the College and possible criminal prosecution. Examples of violations include but are not limited to the following:

1. Drinking in violation of Vermont state laws, i.e., not of legal age.

2. Furnishing alcohol to someone under age or otherwise in violation of Vermont state law.

3. Public drunkenness or participating in behavior that disrupts, damages, or threatens the property and/or members of the College community.

4. Gatherings where alcohol is consumed in violations of policy.

5. Possession of excessive quantities of alcohol as defined in the Student Handbook—this includes any containers holding more alcohol than one individual could reasonably consume upon opening, i.e., kegs, half kegs, beer balls, cases of beer, etc.

6. Possession or consumption in violation of
Vermont Technical College does not allow the drinking of alcohol in public on the campus unless at an event approved by the College. These “public” areas include parking lots, grounds, lobbies, lounges and corridors of residence halls, the gymnasium, dining hall, meeting and classrooms.

Approved events are those authorized by an appropriate College official, usually the Dean of Enrollment and Student Affairs, Academic Dean, Dean of Administration, Dean of the Williston Campus and Northwest Region, or the President. These gatherings are scheduled events that are supervised by members of the College community and where alcohol is served only as part of the refreshments.