

**Subject:** Drug-Free Work/School Act

Dear members of the campus community:

**ALCOHOL AND DRUG FREE CAMPUS**

Morehead State University remains committed to providing a healthy and safe environment for its students, faculty, and staff. As part of our commitment, the University defines community standards in relation to the unlawful possession, use, dispensation, distribution, or manufacture of alcohol and/or other drugs. Conduct which violates this definition poses unacceptable risks and disregard for the health, safety, and welfare of members of the University community and shall result in disciplinary action up to and including suspension or termination. As a recipient of federal grants and contracts, Morehead State University gives this notice to students, faculty, and staff that it is in compliance with the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 and the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendment of 1989. Students, faculty, and staff are herein notified of the standards of conduct which shall be applicable while on Morehead State University property, on University business, and/or at University-sponsored activities.

**Smoking & Vaping:** Smoking or the use of electronic nicotine delivery systems (including vaporizers, e-cigarettes, vape pens, dabs, etc.) is prohibited on all University owned, leased, or controlled property and vehicles. This includes privately owned vehicles parked on, or in transit across, University property, and in the interior of all buildings and residence halls. Exceptions are only allowed in designated outdoor smoking areas.

**Delta-8 and other cannabis-derived products (CDB & THC):** Marijuana and marijuana-derived products remain unlawful for both medical and recreational use. Hemp-derived products (e.g. Delta-8) are largely unregulated and may be lawful or unlawful based upon a variety of factors of which the consumer may not be aware. They may be marketed in ways that put the public health at risk. There is a growing trend of college students consuming these products as edibles or through vaping. Manufacturers may process these products to increase their potency and may add harmful chemicals to the products. It is important to be aware that Delta-8 THC products have not been evaluated or approved by the FDA for safe use in any context. The use of high-potency concentrates, like those found in vape pens also correlates with a higher incidence of mental and physical health problems and may lead to a higher risk of developing acute adverse effects, such as paranoia, psychosis, and cannabis hyperemesis syndrome.

**Alcohol:** Consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages on University-owned or controlled property, or while participating in University related activities, is prohibited unless approved in writing by the University president.

The following links provide definitions and standards of conduct regarding the use of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs on campus or while participating in university-related activities.

[PG-47 Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace](#)

[PG-53 Driver's Alcohol and Controlled Substance Testing](#)

[Student Handbook Alcohol & Other Drugs Policy](#)

[Tobacco Use Policy](#)

[Student Handbook](#)

**HEALTH RISKS**

Alcohol and/or drug use may alter, distort, and/or impair mental functioning, behavior, perception, thinking, judgment, and lead to physical or psychological dependence. Alcohol and/or drug abuse may lead to the deterioration of physical health by causing or contributing to various health conditions including but not limited to fatigue, nausea, personal injury, insomnia, pathological organ damage, some

forms of cancer, pancreatitis, heart attack, respiratory depression, birth defects, convulsions, coma, and even death. Alcohol and drug abuse may also result in deterioration of mental health by causing or contributing to various conditions such as increased aggression, hallucinations, depression, disorientation, and psychosis.

If you or a member of the campus community need help or have questions regarding alcohol or other drug use, please contact MSU's Counseling & Health Services at 606-783-2055 or [counselingandhealthservices@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:counselingandhealthservices@moreheadstate.edu).