Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) cares about the health, safety, and success of all students. As part of our overall mission, we are committed to encouraging responsible attitudes and behavior regarding the use of alcohol and drugs. We are also committed to preventing sexual assault and building a community based on respect. We want to take this opportunity to remind you of some important information related to being a member of the IUPUI community, including:

Regulations related to alcohol and other drug use
Health effects of substance use
Regulations related to sexual violence
Definition of consent in sexual activities
Information for victims of sexual violence
IUPUI Sanctions
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Alcohol and Other Drug Use

IUPUI Regulations
Violations of drug and alcohol policies are considered incidents of personal misconduct and may result in disciplinary action, as identified in the Indiana University Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct. Specific actions that are prohibited include:
- Possession or use of alcohol beverages by anyone under the age of 21
- Public intoxication
- Sale or distribution of alcohol to any individual under the age of 21, or in violation of any other law
- Unauthorized possession, manufacture, sale, distribution, or use of illegal drugs, any controlled substance, or drug paraphernalia
- Being under the influence of illegal drugs or unauthorized controlled substances
- IUPUI residence halls have specific disciplinary codes that make alcohol and other drug use in campus housing facilities a violation. Visit Housing for additional information.

IUPUI students are also responsible for complying with local, state and federal laws regarding alcohol and other drugs, which are similar to IUPUI’s regulations but also note that any person who provides alcohol to a person less than 21 years of age is subject to prosecution and any person who is intoxicated in public is at risk for an arrest. It’s important to note that arrest records are permanent, even if a diversion class/program is completed. Additionally, even a minor alcohol violation may impact certification or licensure, or applications to graduate or other professional schools. Some employers conduct security checks on applicants.

Indiana LifeLine Law
IUPUI honors the 2012 Indiana Lifeline Law, which provides immunity for the crimes of public intoxication, minor possession, minor consumption, and minor transportation of alcohol to persons who reveal themselves to law enforcement while seeking medical assistance for a person suffering from an alcohol-related health emergency. While the policy may not be applicable in every circumstance, the main focus is ensuring that people who need help receive it without fear of university consequences.
Sexual Violence

IUPUI Regulations
Acts of violence, including sexual violence, are considered incidents of personal misconduct and may result in disciplinary action, as identified in the Indiana University Student Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct. Specific actions that may result in student disciplinary actions when committed on or off university property include acts of violence; sexual assault which includes any sexual contact without consent; stalking; sexual harassment; and violation of any state or federal law.

Federal law defines “intimate partner violence” as “any physical, sexual, or psychological harm against an individual by a current or former partner or spouse of the individual.” This includes: stalking, dating violence, sexual violence, or domestic violence.

What is sexual violence?
Sexual violence is any sexual activity where consent is absent or not freely given, which includes unwanted touching, kissing, oral sex, or penetration (considered rape). Anyone can commit sexual assault – a stranger, acquaintance, friend, family member or significant other.

What is Consent?
Consent is a positive response that is informed, freely and actively given. Consent is hearing the word “yes” - consent is NOT the absence of hearing “no.” Consent cannot be given or received when a person is impaired. Impairment is defined as an individual’s inability to understand the situation or understand the consequences of their decision. Consent cannot be given or received by someone who is under the influence of alcohol or drugs, has a cognitive impairment or is under the age of consent. Consent cannot be given or received when a person is impaired. Consent is not forever and it can be withdrawn at any point without explanation. Consent for past acts does not mean consent for future acts. Consent for some sexual activity does not mean consent for all sexual activity, and being in a relationship does not imply consent.

Sexual assault statistics
The IU Police Department-Indianapolis reports the following number of sexual assaults on campus over the past three years. However, many incidents of sexual violence go unreported.

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According to the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS) in 2010:
- Nearly 1 in 5 women and 1 in 71 men have been raped in their lifetime.
- 1 in 6 women and 1 in 19 men have been stalked during their lifetime.
- 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men have been the victim of severe physical violence by an intimate partner.
- 81% of women and 35% of men who experienced rape, stalking or physical violence by an intimate partner reported significant short or long term impacts related to the violence.

Results of the 2009 Indiana College Student Relationship Survey indicate:
- 7.3% reported being sexually touched without consent.
- 2.8% reported attempted or sexual penetration without consent.
• 4.2% reported being taken advantage of sexually while drinking alcohol or using drugs.

Are you a victim of sexual assault?

Individuals experiencing sexual assault have been the victim of a violent act and experience a wide range of emotional reactions, including anger, helplessness, and shame. Sexual assault can have long-term emotional and physical effects. If you are a victim:
• Find a safe place
• Report the incident
• Preserve evidence of the incident
• Get medical attention
• Seek counseling support

Incidents of sexual assault should be reported as noted below. For care following a sexual assault, contact Center of Hope: 317-630-6180 (24-hours). View IUPUI’s website on sexual assault prevention for more information.
• For all persons: Contact the IU Police Department-Indianapolis at 317-274-7911
• For students: Contact the Office of the Dean of Students, 317-274-4431, 420 University Blvd, Campus Center #350
• For faculty, staff, and visitors: Contact the Office of Equal Opportunity, 317-274-2306, 980 Indiana Avenue, Lockefield Building #1164, OEO Hotline: 1-866-245-1310

**Bystander Intervention**

Don’t Be a Bystander. If you see something, say something!

We all have a responsibility to create a safe, supportive, and inclusive IUPUI community. Bystander Intervention involves taking action in a situation when another individual needs help. This includes when someone may be at medical risk due to using drugs or alcohol, or vulnerable to sexual or intimate partner violence. Steps in Bystander Intervention include:

1. Notice the Event – pay attention to your surroundings
2. Interpret the Event as a problem – recognize that someone is being taken advantage of, vulnerable, or in danger – trust your gut and intervene at the earliest possible point
3. Take personal responsibility to intervene – if you don’t, it is likely no one will
4. Decide how you are going to intervene – don’t put yourself at risk or make the situation worse
5. Decide to intervene – take action – which may include:
   • **Direct Intervention** – Directly address the situation in the moment to prevent harm.
   • **Delegation** – Seek help from another individual, often someone who is in a role of authority, such as a police officer or campus official.
   • **Distraction** – Interrupt the situation without directly confronting the offender – distract the offender’s attention to something else or direct the potential victim away from the situation.

**IUPUI Sanctions**

- The Dean of Students or other university official is authorized to impose any one or a combination of sanctions for acts of personal misconduct, ranging from verbal or written reprimand to suspension or expulsion from all campuses of Indiana University.
• Also note,
  • Campus disciplinary charges and criminal charges may both be filed for the same action.
  • Students may be subject to sanction by both the campus and the courts for the same action.
  • The standard sanction for drug dealing is suspension or expulsion from the university.
  • A conviction for any offense involving the possession or sale of illegal drugs during the time a student is awarded federal financial aid, may result in the loss of future financial aid eligibility.

**IUPUI Resources**

- **Alcohol and Other Drug Education (AOD)**
  Walker Plaza 220
  Phone (317) 274-2548

- **Campus Health Services**
  Coleman Hall
  Phone (317) 274-8214

- **Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)**
  Walker Plaza 220
  Phone (317) 274-2548
  Website [http://caps.iupui.edu](http://caps.iupui.edu)

- **Office of the Dean of Students**
  Campus Center 350
  Phone (317) 274-274-4431

Good luck as you begin your new semester. If you have questions about the information provided above, would like to explore how you can make healthier lifestyle choices, or are in need of support, please contact IUPUI CAPS at 317-274-2548.

Sincerely,

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