

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION</b> UNIV University Administration		<b>POLICY NUMBER</b> UNIV 1.70
<b>POLICY TITLE</b> Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Program		
<b>SCOPE OF POLICY</b> USC System		<b>DATE OF REVISION</b> June 10, 2021
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER</b> President		<b>ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE</b> Office of the President

**PURPOSE**

Section 120 of the Higher Education Act per 34 CFR 86.100(a) and (b) require all institutions of higher education to adopt and implement a drug and alcohol abuse prevention program and conduct a biennial review of that program. This policy establishes the obligations for the University of South Carolina and applies to all campuses including regional locations.

**DEFINITIONS AND ACRONYMS**

**Biennial** taking place once every two years.

**Illegal Drug** including but not limited to narcotics, hallucinogens, cocaine, marijuana, and designer drugs, and any controlled substances, including but not limited to amphetamines and barbiturates, that are used either without being prescribed by a licensed physician or in excess of the amount prescribed by a licensed physician. Any drug that is not legally obtainable or that has not been legally obtained, to include prescribed drugs not legally obtained and prescribed drugs not being used for prescribed purposes or being used by an individual other than the person for whom prescribed.

**POLICY STATEMENT**

A. The University will adopt and implement a drug and alcohol prevention program that, at a minimum, includes an annual distribution to each student and employee of the campus that clearly discusses the following:

1. The standards of conduct that clearly prohibit, at a minimum, the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illegal drugs and alcohol by students and employees on the institution’s property or as part of any of the institution’s activities.
2. A description of the applicable legal sanctions under local, State, or Federal law for the unlawful possession or distribution of illegal drugs and alcohol.
3. A description of the health-risks associated with the use of illegal drugs and the abuse of alcohol.
4. A description of any drug or alcohol counseling, treatment, or rehabilitation or re-entry programs that are available to employees or students; and

5. A clear statement that the institution will impose sanctions on students and employees (consistent with local, State, Federal law), and a description of those sanctions, up to and including expulsion or termination of employment and referral for prosecution, for violations of the standards of conduct required by (1) above.

B. The University will perform a biennial review of the institution’s drug and alcohol abuse program at each campus that:

1. Determines the program’s effectiveness and any needed changes,
2. Determines the number of drug and alcohol related violations and fatalities,
3. Identifies the number and type of sanctions imposed, and
4. Ensures that the sanctions are consistently enforced.

Data and methods used to support conclusions contained in review must be maintained by each campus and available upon request.

**PROCEDURES**

The procedure for this policy provides details on the administration and management of this policy. The procedure is located at [http://sc.edu/about/offices\\_and\\_divisions/controller/policies\\_and\\_procedures/index.php](http://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/controller/policies_and_procedures/index.php)

**RELATED UNIVERSITY, STATE, AND FEDERAL POLICIES**  
**34 CFR 86.100(A) AND (B)**  
**HEA SECTION 120**  
**FSA HANDBOOK VOLUME 2, CHAPTER 6**

**HISTORY OF REVISIONS**

<b>DATE OF REVISION</b>	<b>REASON FOR REVISION</b>
June 10, 2021	New Policy.