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# DRUG FREE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES ACT

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Biennial Review – June 2024

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## RVU Biennial Review of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Program – June 2024

The Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Regulations (345 CFR Part 86) of the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act (DFSCA) and H.R. 3614 require an institution of higher education (IHE) such as Rocky Vista University (RVU) to certify implemented programs to prevent the abuse of alcohol and use or distribution of illicit drugs both by RVU students and employees both on its premises and as a part of any of its activities. At a minimum each institution of higher education must annually distribute the following in writing to all students and employees:

- Standards of conduct that clearly prohibit the unlawful possession, use or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students and employees;
- A description of the legal sanctions under local, state, or federal law for the unlawful possession or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol;
- A description of any drug or alcohol counseling, treatment, or rehabilitation or reentry programs that are available to employees or student; and
- A clear statement that the institution will impose sanctions on students and employees 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.

The law further requires that the institution conduct a biennial review of its program with the following objectives:

- Determining the effectiveness of the policy and implementing changes to the alcohol and other drug programs if they are needed; and
- To ensure that the sanctions developed are enforced consistently.

The biennial review must also include determinations as to:

- The number of drug and alcohol-related violations and fatalities occurring on the campus or as part of their activities that are reported to campus officials;
- The number and type of sanctions the IHE's impose on students or employees as a result of such violations and fatalities.

**RVU acknowledges its legal obligation to conduct a biennial review of compliance with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act and authorized an administrative review to be conducted to determine if the college is fulfilling the requirements of the previously mentioned Federal Regulations. In addition, RVU uses the Part 86, Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Regulations Compliance Checklist, and it follows this review.**

### Alcohol or Drug Incident Reports for Students and Staff AY 2022-2023 and 2023-2024

YEAR	INCIDENTS IN WORKPLACE (EMPLOYEES)	INCIDENTS ON CAMPUS (STUDENTS)	OUTCOME
2022-23	0	0	N/A
2023-24	0	0	N/A

## **RVU DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES ACT POLICY NOTIFICATION**

The Policy Notice is sent annually to all students and employees in accordance with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989. The policy is specific to each campus based upon its state location and can be found prominently on our website at: <https://www.rvu.edu/annual-notification-drug-free-schools-and-communities-act/>

RVU complies with all federal and state regulations pertaining to the abuse of alcohol and drugs, including the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989. Accordingly, RVU requires all employees, and all students (regardless of the length of the student's program of study), to be aware of and comply with the following:

### **Standards of Conduct:**

RVU prohibits the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of drugs and alcohol by students and employees on RVU's property or as part of RVU's programs and activities. RVU also prohibits any individual from being under the influence of any alcohol or drugs (regardless of whether the use is lawful) while on campus or while participating in any of RVU's programs or activities.

### **Sanctions:**

RVU will impose sanctions on students and employees who violate the Standards of Conduct set forth in the Policy. Students and employees who are found responsible for violating the Standards of Conduct will be subject to sanctions up to and including dismissal from enrollment at RVU, termination of employment, and/or referral for prosecution. Sanctions may also include the completion of an appropriate rehabilitation program. For more information regarding local and state criminal prosecution for the unlawful possession or distribution of alcohol and illicit drugs and the criminal penalties related thereto, please see the States of Colorado, Utah, and Montana penalties listed on the annual notifications at: <https://www.rvu.edu/about/title-ix/>

For more information regarding legal sanctions for violations of federal law, please see <https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/21cfr/21usc/> and <https://www.dea.gov/druginfo/factsheets.shtml>.

### **Prevention and Resources:**

For information regarding alcohol and drug abuse prevention and other resources, please visit:

- Prevention: <https://www.samhsa.gov/about-us/strategic-initiatives>
- Resources: [http://www.bhddh.ri.gov/sections/link\\_and\\_resource.php](http://www.bhddh.ri.gov/sections/link_and_resource.php)
- Alcohol Fact Sheets: <https://www.cdc.gov/alcohol/fact-sheets/alcohol-use.htm>
- Drug Fact Sheet: <https://www.dea.gov/druginfo/factsheets.shtml>

### **Health Risks:**

The abuse of alcohol and illicit drugs can cause physical and mental injury, and some injury may be severe enough to cause death. The abuse of alcohol and illicit drugs can also negatively impact the body in many ways, including, but not limited to, creating an increased risk of cancer, cardiovascular disease, liver and kidney failure, hypertension, depression, immune and reproductive functions, and many other health problems.

\*Please see the attached Part 86, Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Regulations Compliance Checklist

## **PART 86 Compliance Checklist**

Part 86, Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Regulations Compliance Checklist

1. Does the institution maintain a copy of its drug prevention program? Yes  No   
If yes, where is it located? **DynamicPolicy Repository, Website – Campus Safety and Security Webpage**
  
2. Does the institution provide *annually* to *each employee* and *each student*, who is taking one or more classes for any type of academic credit except for continuing education units, written materials that adequately describe and contain the following?
  - a. Standards of conduct that prohibit unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol on its property or as a part of its activities  
Students: Yes  No                       Staff and Faculty: Yes  No
  
  - b. A description of the health risks associated with the use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol  
Students: Yes  No                       Staff and Faculty: Yes  No
  
  - c. A description of applicable legal sanctions under local, state, or federal law  
Students: Yes  No                       Staff and Faculty: Yes  No
  
  - d. A description of applicable counseling, treatment, or rehabilitation or re-entry programs  
Students: Yes  No                       Staff and Faculty: Yes  No
  
  - e. A clear statement of the disciplinary sanctions the institution will impose on students and employees, and a description of those sanctions  
Students: Yes  No                       Staff and Faculty: Yes  No
  
3. Are the above materials distributed to students in one of the following ways?
  - a. Emailed to each student (separately or included in another mailing) Yes  No
  
  - b. Through campus post offices boxes  
Yes  No
  
  - c. Class schedules which are mailed to each student  
Yes  No
  
  - d. During freshman orientation  
– N/A  
Yes  No
  
  - e. During new student orientation  
Yes  No

f. In another manner (*describe*) **Emailed to every student annually in October**

4. Does the means of distribution provide reasonable assurance that each student receives the materials annually?  
Yes  No

5. Does the institution's distribution plan make provisions for providing these materials to students who enroll at some date after the initial distribution? Yes  No

6. Are the above materials distributed to staff and faculty in one of the following ways?

a. Mailed

Staff: Yes  No  Faculty: Yes  No

b. Through campus post office boxes

Staff: Yes  No  Faculty: Yes  No

c. During new employee orientation

Staff: Yes  No  Faculty: Yes  No

d. In another manner (*describe*) **Emailed to every faculty and staff member annually in October.**

7. Does the means of distribution provide reasonable assurance that each staff and faculty member receives the materials annually?

Staff: Yes  No  Faculty: Yes  No

8. Does the institution's distribution plan make provisions for providing these materials to staff and faculty who are hired after the initial distribution?

Staff: Yes  No  Faculty: Yes  No

9. In what ways does the institution conduct biennial reviews of its drug prevention program to determine effectiveness, implement necessary changes, and ensure that disciplinary sanctions are enforced? **N/A**

a. Conduct student alcohol and drug use survey

Yes  No  →

b. Conduct opinion survey of its students, staff, and faculty

Students: Yes  No  Staff and Faculty: Yes  No

c. Evaluate comments obtained from a suggestion box

Students: Yes  No  Staff and Faculty: Yes  No

d. Conduct focus groups

Students: Yes  No  Staff and Faculty: Yes  No

Not necessary, as no drug or alcohol abuse reports have been made over the last three years. Security Dept. keeps statistics for Annual Security Report, so those statistics are checked. Biennial Review occurs every two years in even years

10. Who is responsible for conducting these biennial reviews? **The Institutional Compliance Manager**

11. If requested, has the institution made available, to the Secretary and the public, a copy of each requested item in the drug prevention program and the results of the biennial review? Yes  No

Not Requested

12. Where is the biennial review documentation located?

Name: **DynamicPolicy Repository; RVU Website – Campus Safety and Security Webpage**

Title: **Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Biennial Review**

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13. Comments: **RVU is a post-graduate level medical institution of higher learning.**

### Montana Campus Drug and Alcohol Reports – per Annual Security Report

Liquor, Drug & Weapons	Year	On Campus	Non Campus	Public Property	Total
Liquor Law Arrest	MT Campus				
	Opened in				
	2023	0	0	0	0
Liquor Law Disciplinary Referrals					
	2023	0	0	0	0
Drug Violation Arrest					
	2023	0	0	0	0
Drug Violations Disciplinary Referrals					
	2023	0	0	0	0

## Colorado Campus Drug and Alcohol Reports – per Annual Security Report

Liquor, Drug & Weapons	Year	On Campus	Non Campus	Public Property	Total
Liquor Law Arrest	2021	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0
Liquor Law Disciplinary Referrals	2021	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0
Drug Violation Arrest	2021	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0
Drug Violations Disciplinary Referrals	2021	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0

## Utah Campus Drug and Alcohol Reports – per Annual Security Report

Liquor, Drug & Weapons	Year	On Campus	Non Campus	Public Property	Total
Liquor Law Arrest	2021	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0
Liquor Law Disciplinary Referrals	2021	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0
Drug Violation Arrest	2021	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0
Drug Violations Disciplinary Referrals	2021	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0

## **Drug and Alcohol Prevention Activities**

**(programs to prevent the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by all students and employees on school premises or as part of any of its activities)**

Over the past couple of years (since last Biennial Report of June 2022), the following activities and tasks have taken place:

- Annual notification of CO, MT, and UT Campus Drugs and Alcohol Policies goes out via email to all students and all employees in October.
- Current publications/articles on prevention and treatment of drug and alcohol use disorders are sent out to all medical students in October.
- Policies were revised on drug testing/screening for both employees and students.
- Title IX training modules contain content around the role of alcohol and substance abuse and the inability to consent when impaired.
- Increased Mental Health and Wellness staff on all three campuses in order to be available to those who may need assistance with drug or alcohol abuse.