

Policy on Campus and Residence Alcohol Use and Social Function Responsibility

The Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre (BMSC) Alcohol Policy reflects an increasing awareness of the risks associated with consumption of alcoholic beverages and the obligation to promote responsible alcohol use. It has been created out of respect for the general well being of the entire BMSC community, and recognizing that many visitors to BMSC are not of the legal age to consume alcohol.

Drinking Age

Possession or consumption of alcohol by individuals under 19 years of age in British Columbia is a violation of provincial law and BMSC policy. Students, visitors and their guests are responsible for knowing, understanding and complying with both standards.

Behaviour

Alcohol consumption is not an excuse for disruptive or unacceptable behaviour. Station staff and faculty will enforce this policy. Individuals who choose to violate this policy will be held accountable for their actions and may face charges for related damages, dismissal from programs and eviction from BMSC premises.

Areas of Consumption

Alcohol is permitted in the following designated locations only:

- Residences (Seaside Dorms, Buchanan Lodge, Chimo):
 - Common lounges.
 - Inside resident rooms.
- Townhouse Complexes
- Director's Residence

ALCOHOL IS PROHIBITED IN ALL OTHER BUILDING AREAS INCLUDING STAIRWELLS, HALLWAYS, BALCONIES, BATHROOMS, MAIN LOBBIES AND ANY AREA OUTSIDE OF THE BUILDINGS.

Quiet Hours

Residence quiet hours must be respected. BMSC staff may intervene in any situation or terminate, at their discretion, any gathering that occurs outside of quiet hours. (11 PM - 7 AM)

Common Sources

Residents and visitors may only consume alcohol in a Bring-Your-Own (BYO) fashion. Alcohol may not be sold in residences or by students.

Non-Sanctioned Events Involving Alcohol

Drinking games, contests or any other activity that has excessive consumption and/or intoxication as its focus are not permitted. No kegs or other collective sources of alcohol are permitted in residence.

Off-campus events

While the BMSC cannot control off-campus activities involving alcohol including, principally, parties at nearby beaches and fire hall dances, it is the expectation of BMSC that people will act responsibly. Incidents at these locations will be treated by BMSC as though they were held on site.

FAILURE TO ACCEPT AND ABIDE BY THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS POLICY WILL RESULT IN THE REFUSAL AND/OR CANCELLATION OF YOUR EVENT, AND THE POSSIBLE EXPULSION FROM BMSC AND/OR ITS PROGRAMS AS PER THE DISCRETION OF THE DIRECTOR.