

DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY

Consumption of alcohol on College premises is only permitted in the 'Cyber bar' or 'Swifts bar' or in discrete residential areas reserved for students over 18 years of age. The appropriate Head of Branch may give permission for consumption of alcohol either at specific events or in designated areas.

No person under 18 years of age may consume alcohol and those over 18 years of age must adhere to any conditions of the exemption.

Alcohol and other drug abuse severely limits the ability of individuals to succeed academically, professionally and personally. Substance abuse is linked to health problems, accidents, decrease in academic performance, vandalism, financial difficulties, sexual misconduct, legal problems and can affect the entire College community.

The College considers the misuse of drugs to be a serious breach of discipline and will take appropriate action immediately.

DEFINITION OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE

The use of a substance (alcohol, drugs and solvents) at a level, which alters an individual's behaviour and judgement.

CAFRE as an educational institution aims to promote drug and alcohol awareness and will endeavour to increase the awareness of the dangers of substance abuse among all students by:

- Providing information to students in the form of seminars, leaflets etc.
- Involving outside agencies where appropriate to reinforce these messages
- Providing personal tutorial support to students from both College staff and independent, professional counsellors
- Working closely with other agencies (and parents where students are under 18) when problems have been identified
- Involve the PSNI in all instances where drugs have been found or suspected of being used by students.
- Ensuring key staff are trained in the identification of illegal substances and the symptoms of substance abuse.
- Ensuring Senior Management involvement when investigating all cases of drug abuse and in the more serious instances of alcohol abuse.

- Encouraging a responsible attitude towards alcohol consumption.

REMEMBER!!

- Substance abuse of any kind can cause long term health problems.
- Alcohol is a drug!
- Substance abuse can also affect your career!
- Take care off Campus!
- You can be tricked into consuming drugs unknowingly.
- Never leave drinks unattended and always stay with your friends.
- Passing drugs among friends is supplying!

Please let College staff know at once (in total confidence) if you suspect anyone is dealing in drugs on Campus.

Information and help on substance abuse is available from any of the Accommodation team, your tutor, any member of staff and on Blackboard in the Student Support and Guidance section of the Student Handbook in the Student Information Web.

The College will assist the student with whatever information, advice and/or help they require.