WCU Students:

Out of concern for the campus environment, the federal government enacted The Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendment (Public Law 101-226) in 1989. This law requires institutions of higher education to inform the campus community about issues related to substance use and abuse, including information describing the resources available to assist students, faculty, and staff in combating alcohol and drug problems, and listing the appropriate regulations and laws. The required information follows:

First, please be aware that in PA, an “Amnesty” law is now in effect. The law states that an underage person who calls for medical assistance for a friend in need will not be charged for alcohol related violations. West Chester University will also waive alcohol related judicial charges in this instance. For more information see the Medical Amnesty policy on this website.

A. If you would like information or assistance for an alcohol or drug related concern use the following resources:

On-Campus Resources: Resources for free confidential conversations about alcohol or drug use

- Office of Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Programs, Commonwealth Hall 610-430-4194
- WCU Counseling Services, Commonwealth Hall, 610-436-2301.

Community Resources are described at the linked site.

B. In addition to state laws prohibiting use of alcohol for persons under 21 years of age, the rules of West Chester University state that no alcohol shall be used on campus. Other state laws forbid the possession, use, sale, or distribution of controlled drugs. For further information about campus policies and sanctions refer to:

1. **WCU Code of Conduct: Alcohol and Drug Policies**

2. **WCU Sanctions for alcohol and drug violations**
C. Excessive or dangerous alcohol use can lead to short term and long term health risks. Please read the following carefully:

   I. **Health Risks associated with alcohol use**
   II. **Drugs of Abuse Uses and Effects**

D. West Chester University prohibits the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students and employees on its property or as part of any of its activities. The University vigorously enforces all local, state, and federal laws as they pertain to the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol. Conviction under such laws provides for punishment that includes fines and/or imprisonment.

E. Legal Sanctions

   I. Legal Sanctions for alcohol law violation under state law.
   II. Legal Sanctions for marijuana law violations under state law.
   III. Legal Sanctions for drug violations under federal law.