

## Alcohol, Student Safety, Student Life, and the Law

### • Alcohol and Student Safety

Yale College is committed to the well-being of all of its students. The irresponsible or illegal use of alcohol can threaten student health and safety in numerous ways, ranging from short-term mental impairment to long-term medical consequences. Alcohol can also lead to risky activities (e.g., DWI, unprotected sex), increased aggressiveness, and violent behavior, including sexual assault and date rape. There are numerous resources on campus that can provide immediate assistance and education about safety and alcohol awareness:

**Call 111 for any campus emergency**

**Call 432-4400 for police assistance**

**Call 432-2788 for minibus transport to YUHS**

**Call 432-0123 for medical emergencies or urgent care situations**

**Call 432-1891 to talk with Marie Baker, PhD about substance abuse concerns**

### • Alcohol and Student Life

As with any group of people who live, work and socialize together, the well-being of the Yale College community is more than just the sum of its individual members. No behavior is private when other members of the community feel its effects.

Undergraduates must be mindful that the irresponsible use of alcohol can place a considerable burden on roommates, residential neighbors, and friends. The irresponsible or illegal use of alcohol can also threaten the health and safety of the community when it leads to loud or disruptive partying, vandalism or destruction of property, and other kinds of antisocial behavior.

### • Alcohol and the Law

As you know, you must be 21 years of age or older to purchase and or/ possess alcohol. Relevant sections of CT law regarding serving alcoholic liquor to underage drinkers are included here so that you understand your obligations as a party host where alcohol will be served:

a) No person having possession of, or exercising dominion and control over, any dwelling unit or private property shall (1) knowingly permit any minor to possess alcoholic liquor...or (2) knowing that any minor possesses alcoholic liquor in violation of subsection (b)...fail to make reasonable efforts to halt such possession. A minor means a person under 21 years of age.

b) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall, for a first offense, have committed an infraction and, for any subsequent offense, be fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

The full text of *Connecticut's "Act Concerning Underage Drinking"* P.A. 06-112 is available at:

<http://www.cga.ct.gov/2006/ACT/PA2006PA-00112-R00HB-05211-PA.htm>