

The Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act and the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) Part 86, requires Nova Southeastern University to distribute the University's policy on alcohol and controlled substances to all students. This policy applies to all school, campus and field-based programs.

Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Policy:

The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of illicit drugs* and alcohol are prohibited in and on Nova Southeastern University owned or controlled property and as a part of any of its activities. No Nova Southeastern University student shall report to school while under the influence of any illicit drug or alcohol. The possession of paraphernalia for unlawful drug use is also prohibited.

The term "illicit drugs" refers to all illegal drugs, and to legal drugs obtained or used without a physician's order. This policy does not prohibit the use of prescribed medication under the direction of a physician. However, in accordance with Federal law, NSU does not permit the possession or use of marijuana on NSU property or during NSU-sponsored activities for any purpose. As such, the possession or use of medical marijuana, even if authorized under state law, is prohibited on NSU property and during NSU-sponsored activities.

Any Nova Southeastern University Student determined to have violated this policy will be subject to referral for prosecution by the appropriate authorities. Other sanctions include evaluation/treatment for drug use disorder (which may include mandatory completion of a drug/alcohol abuse rehabilitation program) or other university sanctioning, up to and including expulsion.

When you use or deal in drugs or abuse alcohol, you also risk incarceration and/or fines. The Federal Sentencing Guidelines outline Federal penalties for trafficking in drugs and are detailed in the DEA Guide, [Drugs of Abuse – 2017 Edition](#), pp. 30-31. In addition to the Federal Sanctions, Florida State Statutes provides sanctions in regard to the use, possession, and/or sale of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol. For further information, please refer to Chapters 316 and 893 of the [Florida Statutes](#), or consult with a legal representative of your choosing.

There are serious health risks associated with the abuse of drugs and alcohol. If you, or a fellow student, has a problem with abuse of drugs and/or alcohol, help can be provided at the following locations:

[Henderson Student Counseling Center](#)

For an appointment, call (954) 424-6911 or (954) 262-7050
3440 South University Drive (in University Park Plaza)
Davie, FL 33328

[Healthy Lifestyles Guided Self-Change Program](#)

For an appointment, call (954) 262-5968 or email: gsc@nova.edu
3301 College Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33314

Additional information regarding the University policies, as well as resources (including community resources) for students are available in the [NSU Student Handbook](#).