

## **PRIVATE PARTIES IN THE RESIDENTIAL COLLEGES REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES**

According to Undergraduate Regulations, private parties held in student rooms must be registered with the Head of College if more than 20 guests are expected. A party must be registered with the Head of College at least 48 hours before the party is to occur. Waiting beyond office hours on Friday will cause you to be unable to register and hold a party on the weekend.

To register a party, a student must meet with the Head of College or the Dean for approval. A copy of the approved form must be provided to the Head of College; Dean, and Custodial Supervisor, and the fourth must be posted in the entryway where the party is held during the hours the party is in progress. In some instances, it might be required that copies of the Form be provided to Resident Fellows in the College.

The host agrees to accept responsibility for complying with the Undergraduate Regulations governing social events and with CT law concerning underage drinking. The following guidelines must be followed.

1. Private social function must be held within student rooms and not spill into entryways or the courtyard. Students should bear in mind the capacity of their room when issuing invitations. Use of seminar or common rooms or other facilities of the college for private parties is not permitted. Violation may be grounds for disciplinary action.
2. Private parties may not be advertised. Written invitations, mass emails, and the like are not permitted.
3. No admission charge or donation may be collected during the party.
4. Out of consideration for others who may need to study or sleep, the party and attendant noise must cease promptly at 11:00 PM on weeknights and 1:00 AM on Friday and Saturday. Consult with neighbors to insure that the hours of a weeknight party will not inconvenience them.
5. If alcohol is to be served, at least one of the hosts registering the party must be 21 or older. According to the law in Connecticut, serving alcoholic beverage to persons under 21 is illegal. A host must be in charge of serving any alcoholic beverage at all times, and must have in place a procedure for checking student IDs. Non-alcoholic beverages and food must be available. Alcohol may not be served at private parties in freshman suites.
6. If you plan on having a keg at the party you must secure permission from the Head of College or Dean prior to registration of the party. Unregistered kegs are subject to confiscation. Kegs are not permitted in freshman suites or freshman entryways. Only one keg may be tapped at a time.
7. No drink with more than 10% alcohol by volume may be served and, furthermore, grain alcohol such as Everclear, is strictly prohibited. If punch is served, the host must post a sign listing the ingredients.
8. Hosts assume personal and legal responsibility for the conduct and the behavior of their guests. Hosts can be held responsible for serving persons who are not of legal drinking age and for property damage.

## **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, Ph.D. 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 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/PA/2006PA-00112-R00HB-05211-PA.htm>

RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE  
Private Party Registration

***One must register a private party of 20 or more people. A party must not at any time exceed a maximum limit of 50 people as stated in Undergraduate Regulations. It is the Head of College's prerogative to set a lower maximum limit.***

***Party registration forms must be submitted during normal business hours in the Head of College's Office at least 48 hours prior to the party. You must meet with the Head of College, or the Dean of the College for approval.***

***A copy of the approved form must be provided to the Head of College; Dean, and Custodial Supervisor, and the fourth must be posted in the entryway where the party is held during the hours the party is in progress. In some instances, it might be required that copies of the Form be provided to Resident Fellows in the College.***

Name and Birth Date of Room/Suite Host

Will alcohol be served?                      Yes                                            No                     

Name & Birth Date of legal age host:

Cell phone Number(s) of host(s)

**Host cell phone(s) must be set on vibration, must be carried by you, and must be answerable throughout the duration of the party.**

Party Date    Start Time:    End Time:

**Sunday through Thursday nights, parties must end no later than 11 PM. Friday and Saturday nights, parties must end no later than 1 AM. It is the Head of College's prerogative to declare certain nights as "party-free" due to the need for extended quiet hours.**

How many people are expected to attend?

Location:

Purpose of party:

Name and cell phone for ALL student(s) living in the suite:

Please provide a detailed description of food and alternative beverages available:

Please check the boxes for the statements below and provide your signature.

I/We have read and agree to abide by the rules and regulations outlined on the attached guidelines, relevant Undergraduate Regulations for Social Functions, Regulations on Alcoholic Beverages; and Connecticut's "Act Concerning Underage Drinking".

I/We will be responsible for the orderly conduct and the prompt conclusion of the party and the immediate clean up after the party. Please sign below and the documents attached.

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