

# **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 911 for any campus emergency

Call 203-432-4400 for police assistance

Call 203-432-2788 for minibus transport to Yale Health

Call 203-432-0123 for medical emergencies or acute care situations – Yale Health

Call 203-432-1891 to speak 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 in violation of subsection (b) of section 30-89 of the general statutes...or (2) knowing that any minor possesses alcoholic liquor in violation of subsection (b) of section 30-89 of the general statutes... fail to make reasonable efforts to halt such possession. For the purposes of this subsection, "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 City of New Haven Ordinance prohibits open containers of alcohol in public.**