Safer Parties Initiatives (SPIN) Guidelines

General Description

Policy Summary:
The recommendations below represent suggested practices that help foster student safety, well-being and responsibility at off-campus events involving alcohol. These guidelines were developed in coordination with students representing the Greek Council Executive Board and the Student Athlete Advisory Council.

Scope:
These guidelines apply to all student organizations.

Exceptions:
None.

Policy Content

Off-campus parties at private residences

Trinity University acknowledges that students will drink alcohol, cares deeply about student health and safety, and enforces policies as proscribed by law. Because students in privately owned or rented off-campus residences sometimes host formal or informal private or public gatherings, Trinity University offers guidance for students to act as responsible hosts, peers, and neighbors.

Harm reduction
Students who reside in off-campus residences should make every effort to avoid:

- Over-consumption which results in hospitalization or requirements for oversight at the San Antonio sobering unit.
- Drinking and driving.
- Unwelcome and violent behavior including fights, sexual assault, and harassment.
- Disturbances that affect neighbors in the community.

University expectations of students

1. Students are responsible for their own consumption of alcohol. Policies on public intoxication will be enforced on campus even if the alcohol was consumed off campus.
2. Individuals are expected and encouraged to seek assistance for students in danger of over-consumption. All students who seek such assistance will receive amnesty through the Trinity University responsible friend policy and will not face campus judicial action.
3. Trinity University maintains the right to consider action, in accordance with published student conduct procedures and policies, against individual students in the following circumstances, when those students, in the judgment of the Dean of Students:
   - have created unsafe situations for others and/or not sought assistance for others from helping professionals.
   - have shown a pattern of creating unsafe situations and have not taken steps to remedy their behavior.
   - have created disturbances in the community.
   - fail to cooperate with the reasonable request of law enforcement officials off-campus.

4. When deemed appropriate, Trinity University will send notice to all students identifying any off-campus location that fails to meet expectations related to student safety.

Requirements

Approvals:

VP for Student Life

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