

## Drug-Alcohol Free School & Workplace Notice

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Pursuant to the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989 and the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, Wentworth Military Academy and College is required to establish a drug and alcohol prevention program for its students and employees. Following is a description of the Wentworth Military Academy and College program. A bi-annual review of this program will be done to determine its effectiveness, to implement changes to the program if they are needed, and to ensure that the school's disciplinary sanctions described within are consistently enforced.

### Resources

A variety of resources exist for alcohol and other drug prevention education, counseling and referral. For detailed information concerning these resources available from the school and community agencies, students or employees may contact 1-800-962-7682, ext 1421. Such referrals will respect individual confidentiality.

## Selected Drugs and Their Effects

**Alcohol & Other Depressants (barbiturates, sedatives, and tranquilizers):** Addiction, accidents as a result of impaired ability and judgment, overdose when used with other depressants, damage to a developing fetus, heart and liver damage.

**Nicotine:** Tobacco smoke contains thousands of chemical compounds, many that cause cancer. Nicotine, a central nervous system stimulant, produces an increase in heart and respiration rates, blood pressure, adrenaline production and metabolism. People quickly can become physically and psychologically dependent on tobacco.

**Marijuana:** Impaired short-term memory, thinking and physical coordination. Can cause panic reaction and increase the risk of lung cancer and emphysema. Can interfere with judgment, attention span, concentration and overall intellectual performance. Impairs driving ability.

**Cocaine:** Addiction, heart attack, seizures, lung damage, severe depression, paranoia, psychosis. Similar risks are associated with other stimulants, such as speed and uppers.

**Narcotics (heroin, Demerol, morphine, codeine, etc.):** Addiction, accidental overdose, risk of hepatitis and AIDS from contaminated needles.

**Inhalants (gas, aerosols, glue, nitrites, etc.):** Loss of consciousness, suffocation, damage to brain and central nervous system, sudden death, nausea and vomiting, nosebleeds, impaired judgment.

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## Drug/Alcohol Policy



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# Drug Policy

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Wentworth Military Academy and College is a drug-free campus. Use of an illegal substance is not tolerated. All students will be subject to a urinary analysis (UA) on a random and/or directed basis.

Every boarding student will be given a UA upon arrival at Wentworth Military Academy. The initial analysis is the baseline. If this initial test is positive for an illegal substance in the group categories of amphetamines, barbiturates, benzodiazepines, marijuana (THC), methylenedioxymethamphetamine (ecstasy), or tricyclic antidepressant (TCA), group counseling on campus will be required at the parents' expense. The number of sessions will be a minimum of 6 sessions. The number of sessions could be extended at the recommendation of the group counselor. Students will be restricted to campus until all counseling sessions are completed. Boarding students in leadership roles will be demoted to E-2 rifleman and removed from any leadership responsibilities.

A positive for an illegal substance in the group categories of cocaine, methadone, methamphetamine, opiates, synthetics (K-2), or like substances, or phencyclidine (PHP) will result in an immediate 180 days suspension from Wentworth Military Academy and College.

Any subsequent positives of the UA may result in the student being suspended from Wentworth Military Academy and College for 180 days. Students under suspension may reapply at the conclusion of their 180 days suspension provided the student submits a letter from a counselor certifying their attendance in a drug program, submits a negative UA and a letter to the President/Superintendent. The letter must pertain to the student's desire to return to the academy as a drug-free student, outlining a course of action the student plans to complete in order to accomplish their drug-free status. The Admissions Committee will evaluate and determine when/if the student will be allowed to return to Wentworth Military Academy and College.

The Wentworth Military Academy and College drug policy pertains to all illegal substances currently categorized and any illegal substances not yet categorized. It does not make a difference if illegal substances are used at home on furloughs or over any breaks. Once a student is admitted into Wentworth Military Academy and College, the WMA drug policy applies to the student.

***Wentworth Military Academy and College is a drug-free, tobacco-free and alcohol-free campus.***

## Standards of Conduct

Wentworth Military Academy and College regulations prohibit the unlawful possession, use, distribution and sale of alcohol and illicit drugs; as well as the improper use of prescription medications, over-the-counter medications, or other household products by school students and employees on school-owned or controlled property and at school sponsored or supervised activities.

## School Discipline

Violation of these regulations can result in disciplinary action up to including expulsion for students and discharge for employees.

## Legal Sanctions

Local, state and federal laws also prohibit the unlawful possession, use, distribution and sale of alcohol and illicit drugs. Criminal penalties for violation of such laws range from fines up to \$20,000 to imprisonment for terms up to and including life.

## Health Risks

Specific serious health risks are associated with the use of illicit drugs and alcohol. Some of the major risks are listed on the back of this brochure.