



# DELTA UPSILON

## INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY

# SUBSTANCE-FREE HOUSING

## WHAT ARE THE NEW POLICIES?

The Delta Upsilon International Fraternity Board of Directors recently passed new Loss Prevention policies and position statements designed to create a healthy atmosphere for *Building Better Men*. The policies will help chapters transition to substance-free housing by fall 2020 and allow the Fraternity to create safer events and living environments.



### **By Aug. 1, 2018:**

- All chapters shall eliminate the presence, consumption and use of hard alcohol within chapter housing at all times.
- The presence, consumption and use of beer and wine shall be limited to the private bedrooms of members who are of the legal drinking age. No alcohol will be allowed in common spaces of a chapter facility.
- During a social event, alcohol possession and distribution must be restricted to common spaces of a chapter facility for the duration of the event. There will be no consumption of alcohol in private living quarters during social events.
- Hard alcohol can only be provided and served by a licensed, third-party vendor at an off-site location. This means not at the chapter house or any chapter-related facility (e.g., annex).



### **By Aug. 1, 2020:**

- All chapters will have completed the transition to substance-free housing, including the removal of all alcohol and substances from private bedrooms.
- Alumni will have the opportunity to host up to six pre-approved events in common areas of the chapter facility per year with licensed third-party alcohol vendors.

It is important to note these new policies do not mean that chapters cannot hold events with alcohol. They mean that by fall 2020, no alcohol will be present in chapter housing. Until then, the policies going into effect in August 2018 will help in the transition to substance-free housing. All events must remain in compliance with DU Loss Prevention Policy; national, state and local ordinances; host institution policies; and third-party guidelines.

"Hard alcohol" is defined as any distilled beverage containing more than 0.15 alcohol by volume (ABV). "Substance-free" is defined as the elimination of the possession, use, distribution or consumption of all illegal and illicit substances, alcohol, tobacco, marijuana (regardless of state law) or controlled substances without an appropriate prescription issued to the user by a licensed professional.

## WHY ARE THE POLICIES BEING IMPLEMENTED?

### Need for Safe Environments

Delta Upsilon's mission is *Building Better Men* for a global society through service, leadership development and lifelong personal growth. For the last decade, we have focused on the development of educational programming to achieve that mission. Now, to further enhance that curriculum, we must create better environments for that learning to take place. Chapter facilities must be safe, productive places to live and learn at all times.

### Our Mission and Principles

Delta Upsilon exists to provide experiences that prepare members for their future using our Four Founding Principles. However, on many campuses, fraternity houses have become the center of the social scene, despite 85-90% of the men living in a chapter facility being under the age of 21. This must change. Removing alcohol from our facilities sends a clear message about Delta Upsilon's purpose, values and our commitment to make campuses safe for all students.

### The Future

Delta Upsilon joins a handful of other fraternities also transitioning to substance-free facilities or with policies limiting the presence and consumption of alcohol. In 2017, the North-American Interfraternity Conference adopted new Health & Safety Initiatives that are now being piloted on many campuses, including some with DU chapters. These policies are the future of all fraternities. Unless we proactively change, our host institutions—and possibly state and federal law—will enact sweeping changes out of our control.

## BY THE NUMBERS

*\*As of May 1, 2018*

**62** of DU's 77 chapters/colonies have a chapter facility, four of which are university-owned.

**11** DU chapters already receive Loss Prevention credit for having an alcohol-free facility.

**12** DU chapters are on a campus that already has a hard alcohol ban.

Our data shows DU chapters that already have alcohol-free facilities are some of the Fraternity's strongest chapters.

	Housed Chapters/Colonies Without a Substance-Free Policy	Housed Chapters/Colonies With a Substance-Free Policy
Membership Size	61	77
# of Members Above Campus Avg. Size	6.6	17.5
# of Associate Members	24	31
# of service hours/member	19.1	49.4
GSI Fundraising \$	\$1,041	\$5,046

Last year, three of our seven Sweepstakes Finalists (the award for DU's top chapter), and our Sweepstakes winner, have substance-free facilities.

## MORE INFORMATION

Additional information about Delta Upsilon's substance-free policy can be found at [www.deltatau.org/substance-free](http://www.deltatau.org/substance-free). The site includes an FAQ, testimonials and other resources.