



DELTA UPSILON

INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY

SUBSTANCE-FREE HOUSING

THE POLICIES AND IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE

In May 2018, the Delta Upsilon International Fraternity Board of Directors passed new Loss Prevention policies and position statements designed to create a healthy atmosphere for *Building Better Men*. Based on feedback from the membership, the Board of Directors voted on updates to these policies. This includes a waiver system for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 academic years and the removal of the restrictions on tobacco in chapter facilities. All events must remain in compliance with DU Loss Prevention Policy; national, state and local ordinances; host institution policies; and third-party guidelines.



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 unless they qualify for a substance-free waiver.
- Chapters that meet the Men of Merit "Expectation" level in the areas of Chapter Excellence Plan, Program Attendance, Associate Member Education, Loss Prevention and Learning Assessment will be eligible for a waiver from the Substance-free Housing Policy. Chapters with a waiver will follow these guidelines:
 - 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.
 - Chapters will have the opportunity to host up to six social events with beer and wine per year (between July 1-June 30) in common areas of the chapter facility. No more than four social events can be held in the same 6-month period (July 1-Dec. 31 and Jan. 1-June 30.), and all social events must follow university and Fraternity Loss Prevention guidelines.
 - 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).
- 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 or following the Fraternity's BYOB guidelines. All events must be in compliance with the university and Fraternity's Loss Prevention policies.



By Aug. 1, 2022:

- All chapters will have completed the transition to substance-free housing, including the removal of all alcohol and substances from private bedrooms. There will no longer be a waiver system for the implementation of the Substance-free Housing Policy.
- 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 or BYOB. All events must be in compliance with the university and Fraternity's Loss Prevention policies.

TERMINOLOGY

“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, marijuana (regardless of state or federal law) or controlled substances without an appropriate prescription issued to the user by a licensed professional.

“Chapter house” is defined as any facility and/or affiliated property owned, operated or leased by the undergraduate chapter directly, by its alumni chapter or local house corporation, or by its host institution for the purposes of housing chapter members or conducting chapter activities. This includes any facility rented by individual members that operates as the identified chapter house, residence hall floor, townhome, apartment, lodge or meeting space of the chapter. The Substance-Free Housing Policy also applies to the outdoor area, including the front and backyard, parking lot, and sidewalks associated with the facility. If the facility/property is considered Delta Upsilon “space,” the facility/property is to comply with the Substance-Free Housing Policy.

“Chapter social event” is defined as any activity where alcohol is present and that is coordinated on behalf of the members as a benefit of membership. All social events must comply with all Loss Prevention Policies of Delta Upsilon.

“Illegal drug” is defined as a controlled substance prohibited by law from possession and use. This does not include a substance that is legally possessed or used under the supervision of a licensed healthcare professional or that is legally possessed or used under any other authority under such law or under any other federal provision.

“Controlled substances” are defined as drugs that are regulated by state and federal laws that aim to control the danger of addiction, abuse, physical and mental harm, the trafficking by illegal means, and the dangers from actions of those who have used the substances. Such drugs may be declared illegal for sale or use but may be dispensed under a physician’s prescription.

TOBACCO

The Fraternity will allow the use of tobacco and nicotine-based products. This may include, but is not limited to: cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, e-cigarettes/Juuls, etc. However, all smoking should be limited to outside locations. It is up to the local house corporation to enact stricter policies or eliminate all or some forms of tobacco/nicotine-based products.

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 July 1, 2020

50 of DU’s 70 chapters/colonies have a chapter facility, four of which are university-owned/operated.

21 DU chapters already receive Loss Prevention credit for having an alcohol-free facility in 2019-2020.

All **66** NIC member fraternities have adopted a hard alcohol ban.

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

MORE INFORMATION

Additional information about Delta Upsilon’s substance-free policy can be found at www.deltatau.org/substance-free. The site includes an FAQ, testimonials and other resources.