

# the RED CUP Q&A

## separating alcohol fact from fiction

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Do the right thing and call 911 if you suspect someone has alcohol poisoning or shows these signs: unresponsive, pale/blue or cold/clammy skin, or slow, shallow breathing.

## How many times can you get caught with alcohol in your dorm before you get evicted?

According to UA Residence Life policies, residents may be evicted for repeated use or possession of alcohol (meaning the second time you are caught you could be out). If you are in possession

of large amounts of alcohol, whether you are underage or over 21 years old, you can be kicked out. The policy also states that students *can* be evicted for a first offense.

## Is it legal to walk around with alcohol if you are over 21?

Laws vary from state to state. In Arizona, it's illegal to walk around in *public* with alcohol. If you are on private property or in designated areas (such as football game tailgating areas or homecoming

tents), it's allowed. About 20 cities in the US (Las Vegas, New Orleans, Sonoma, CA, etc.) allow public drinking in most or all areas. Some states allow it in specially designated "Entertainment Districts."

## Is the punishment for getting caught with beer the same as for hard alcohol?

Yes. It doesn't matter how strong your drink of choice is; what matters is that your drink contains alcohol. So, if you're under 21, a Keystone Light,

a glass of Cabernet Sauvignon, or Jägermeister are all grounds for an MIP (Minor In Possession).

## What advice do you have for beer drinkers only?

Have you ever heard the phrase, "Life is too short to drink cheap beer"? The Red Cup recommends "quality over quantity" every time. Actually, beer drinkers may remember their nights better because they are more likely to reach lower Blood Alcohol

Concentrations (BAC) than drinkers who pound shots of hard liquor. So, enjoy the extra time it takes to drink a 12 ounce beer, compared to a quick one ounce shot or "handle pull." Finding your sweet spot is all about moderation.

Got a question about alcohol? Email it to [redcup@email.arizona.edu](mailto:redcup@email.arizona.edu)



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