

DRUG and ALCOHOL POLICY

A Review for OSCA Members



Fall 2016

RESOURCES

1. **Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings:**

Off Campus – Tuesdays,
8:00 p.m., First United
Methodist Church, 45 South
Professor St. (Room 203)

<https://new.oberlin.edu/office/counseling-center/area-support-groups/alcoholics-anonymous.dot>

2. ***Al-Anon Meetings*** (*for friends and family*):

Off Campus - Tuesdays, 8:00
p.m., First United Methodist
Church, 45 South Professor
Street (Room 206)
440.246.1800

<https://new.oberlin.edu/office/counseling-center/area-support-groups/al-anon.dot>

3. **Narcotics Anonymous:**

St. Paul's UCC
9715 East River Road
Sunday 5:00pm Thursday 7 pm
Hotline: (888) 438-4673

4. **Your Dining Loose Ends Coordinator**

5. **Your OSCA Housing**

Coordinator, Shelby Raynor,
or your Housing Loose Ends
Coordinator

6. **Counseling Center & Psychological Services**

247 West Lorain Street,
Suite D in the
Professional Services Bldg.
Ph: 440-775-8470

7. **Student Health Services**

247 West Lorain St., Suite A
Ph: 440-775-8180

8. **Office of Religious and Spiritual Life**

Wilder Hall 217
Ph: 440-775-8103
<http://new.oberlin.edu/office/religious-and-spiritual-life/>

9. **Lorain County Alcohol & Drug Abuse Services**

Hotline: 440-989-4900

In 1996, OSCA created a drug and alcohol policy that is unique to its particular needs. The policy is not intended to supersede Residential Education, local, state, and federal laws.

Part I: Education

The purpose of this section of OSCA's Drug and Alcohol Policy is to provide education for members about the effects of drugs & alcohol on both individuals and communities.

The Education Coordinators (EC) and the Housing Coordinator (HC) of OSCA research and distribute information about drug and alcohol use, laws, and resources for help on and off campus each semester.

Part II: Abuse and Crisis Situations

The purpose of this section is to empower co-ops to deal with crisis and abuse situations involving drug or alcohol use in co-ops. Abuse is defined by the OSCA policy as any use of drugs or alcohol that is destructive to the individual or to their community.

A crisis situation is defined by our policy as the use of drugs or alcohol that puts the user in immediate danger to themselves or others. The Housing Coordinator and Housing Loose Ends Coordinators (HLECs) have all been trained by the Office of Residential Education (ResEd), so that they may deal capably with issues of abuse or crisis situations. HLECs are trained to counsel co-ops and are also trained in basic response and first aid to deal with crisis situations.

If you find yourself in or witnessing a crisis situation, notify a Housing Loose Ends Coordinator or a Dining Loose Ends Coordinator as well as the Housing Coordinator and the Assistant Dean of Students/Assistant Director of Residential Education – Kourtney Arcaba. If the situation is a crisis, Safety & Security and 911 must be called.

Abuse situations should be referred to the Counseling Center and to the Assistant Director of ResEd, Kourtney Arcaba.

Part III: Community Issues

This section of OSCA's policy exists to address the ways in which co-op communities are impacted by use and abuse of drug and alcohol use. If someone is in some way harming their community as a result of their drug or alcohol use, OSCA is responsible for seeing that it is stopped.

Early in the semester, via housing and dining meetings, the community will have its own expectations, concerns, and attitudes regarding drug and alcohol use. If the dining or housing community deems it necessary to rediscuss the role of drug or alcohol use in the community, an HLEC, DLEC, HC, or the Oberlin College Dialogue Center (OCDC) should be contacted, and a house or dining meeting should be held.

Further definitions of community issues and behavioral protocols can be found in your co-op's copy of the OSCA Board Manual.