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Dear Howard University Community,

In compliance with the **Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989** (amending the Higher Education Act), Howard University is required to adopt and implement programs aimed at preventing the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students and employees, whether on campus or during any university-related activities.

As part of this requirement, all Howard University students, faculty, and staff must receive an annual [Alcohol and Drug Prevention Notice](#). This notice outlines the University's standards of conduct, highlights the health risks associated with substance abuse, and provides a list of on-campus contacts who offer confidential assistance, along with referrals to services and programs in the Washington, D.C. area. The notice also includes potential sanctions for violations of University policies, as well as federal, state, and local laws.

The purpose of the [Howard University Alcohol and Drug Prevention Notice](#) is to raise awareness of alcohol and drug abuse issues. You can find the information on the Department of Public Safety (DPS) website at [HUDPS Alcohol and Drug Prevention Notice](#), the Bison Safe app (under the Title IX and Alcohol & Drug Policy), and in the Howard University Student Handbook [Student Handbook 2025 - 2026](#), published by the Division of Student Affairs.

Alcohol & Prescription Drug Misuse Prevention

Administered by the Center for Drug Abuse Prevention in the School of Education.

Courses:

- **AlcoholEdu for College** - *Assigned to all Howard University undergraduate students.*
 - Using a story-first approach to engage student learners in meaningful alcohol prevention education, this course centers authentic student-driven narratives to explore key topics such as supporting peers in recovery, understanding the short- and long-term effects of alcohol and substance use, and the physical, mental, and emotional benefits of abstaining and/or reducing the use of these substances while in college.
- **Prescription Drug Misuse Prevention** - *Assigned to all Howard University undergraduate students.*
 - An evidence-based course designed to empower students with knowledge to make informed decisions about medication. It covers the science of addiction, risks of misuse, proper disposal, and strategies to help others, aiming to reduce drug misuse on campus.

If you have questions about this training, contact Dr. Jean Bailey, Director, Center for Drug Abuse Research, at jean.bailey@howard.edu.

Training login link: [Alcohol & Prescription Drug Misuse Prevention \(Vector Solutions\)](#)

For more information about the health risks associated with drugs and alcohol abuse, please review the District of Columbia Office of the Attorney General [Dangers of Synthetic Drugs](#). In addition review the DEA's publications [Drugs of Abuse](#) and [Drugs Facts Sheet](#).

For additional information or inquiries regarding the Howard University Alcohol and Drug Prevention Notice, please contact DPS at [202-806-1100](tel:202-806-1100).

In Truth and Service,

Department of Public Safety