Alcoholic Beverages at Departmental Events

The Department of Chemistry complies with UW policy regarding the consumption of alcoholic beverages at departmentally sponsored events. Consumption of alcohol outside of sponsored events is not allowed by UW policy. The UW policy is published here: http://www.washington.edu/admin/rules/policies/APS/13.09.html

Alcohol Consumption and Laboratory Work

It must be inherently understood by all participants that laboratory work carries significant safety and facility risk, and the level of risk is heightened following the consumption of alcoholic beverages. All participants must use their best judgment regarding the advisability of their return or their colleagues return to laboratory work following a UW sponsored event where alcohol is served or other alcohol consumption. It is the Department’s strong recommendation that no laboratory work be performed until the day following alcohol consumption.

Particularly pertinent points of the UW and Departmental policy are:

- Alcoholic beverages may be served or consumed only as a complement to a planned program in the specific room, hall, or area identified on the banquet permit.
- Sale of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.
- Participants may not provide their own alcoholic beverages.
- A banquet permit (per RCW 66.24.481) is required. The permit applicant is responsible for insuring all banquet permit requirements as stated on the permit, are met. Failure to comply with the provisions and conditions may subject the applicant to fines and prosecution.
- Permit/license applicants must be at least 21 years of age and associated with the University as an officer or authorized representative of a registered student organization, faculty or staff representing an organization, participant in a departmentally sponsored event representing the event.
- The banquet permit must be posted in a conspicuous place on the premises for the duration of the event.
- Attendance must be limited to members of the host organization or invited guests. No admission may be granted to the general public. Ticket sales, advertising, or notices directed to the general public are prohibited. If the event is opened to the public, the banquet permit will be rescinded.
- The service and consumption of alcoholic beverages will be confined to the specific rooms(s) or area(s) identified on the banquet permit.
- Liquor may not be served, possessed or consumed by anyone who appears intoxicated or who is under 21 years of age.
- Persons under 21 years of age may attend the function if there are effective safeguards to prevent the consumption of alcoholic beverages by minors. Safeguards can include entry control to admit only invited members and guests, parental control, identification of minors by the applicant/host organization, and/or supervision at the service/sale bar by the applicant/host organization.

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