Resident Use of Alcohol at St. John’s College

Residents who choose to consume alcohol must do so responsibly in compliance with the law, and will be accountable for their actions.

a) Drinking alcoholic beverages or carrying unsealed liquor is permitted only in residents’ rooms, and in lounges, common kitchens, and other common areas which the SJC Office has approved for this purpose, and at licensed residence events.

b) Drinking alcoholic beverages or carrying unsealed liquor is not permitted in any other areas including, but not limited to, elevators, washrooms, laundry rooms, phone booths, hallways, stairwells, (except as expressly permitted by the SJC Office), and areas outside the residence building. In particular, residents may not drink their own alcoholic beverages in the Van der Linden Dining Hall, the Fairmont Social Lounge, the Lecture Hall (1080), or the Seminar Room (2166), as these are licensed areas under the terms of the liquor license held by the St. John’s College Dining Society.

c) Participating in drinking games is not permitted. Drinking games are games which involve the consumption of alcohol and usually involve swift consumption and/or high volume consumption. Some examples are: “beerpong,” “funnelling,” and “shotgunning” using a bier stick or otherwise, and “quarters,”” This list is not exhaustive, and the University may stop and take action against any resident participating in any activity, whether listed above or not, which is, in the SJC administration’s opinion, a drinking game.

d) Possession and/or consumption of ‘common source’ alcohol (for example: keg cans, et cetera) within residence is prohibited.
e) Brewing and distilling alcohol are not permitted in your accommodation, in your residence building, or on any other residence property. This includes brewing beer, cider, or wine and distilling spirits (i.e. any kind of hard alcohol).

f) Residents may apply to host a licensed event in residence. Before organizing or hosting a licensed event in residence, contact the St. John's College Office to obtain information about and permission to obtain a Special Occasion License and review the provincial laws and residence rules and regulations related to the use of alcohol in residence. Licensed events are only permitted to occur in specific locations at St. John’s College. At a residence event where alcohol is served or sold, the event organizer(s) will adhere to provincial laws, the University’s rules, policies and procedures, and residence rules related to the use of alcohol including, without limitation, applying for the appropriate liquor license and complying with all obligations thereunder. All servers, paid and unpaid, must: (a) have received Serving It Right training, and (b) provide upon request a copy of their Serving It Right certificate. Failure to adhere to the law and the rules, regulations, policies and procedures of the University, Student Housing and Hospitality Services and St. John’s College governing the use of alcohol in residence may result in the function being terminated at once, the withdrawal of future party privileges, the suspension of further licensed events, and/or eviction from residence.

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