

## **DRUG PREVENTION AND ALCOHOL ABUSE**

Columbia Academy of Cosmetology believes that the illegal use of drugs and alcohol presents a serious health and safety hazard and interferes with educational and occupational success.

Students, faculty and staff may not consume alcoholic beverages on school property, during classes, or in connection with activities officially sponsored by the school.

Columbia Academy of Cosmetology supports all federal, state and local ordinances pertaining to alcohol and drugs and will fully cooperate with law enforcement authorities to protect the students, staff and faculty of the institution from the illegal possession, purchase, sale, and manufacture of controlled substances and alcohol. The institution will refer offenders to the proper civil authorities. Regardless of whether the legal action is pursued by the school or outside agencies, disciplinary action will be taken by the institution for violations of the law. All students, faculty and staff should be familiar with the Drug Free Campus Policy and abide by it. In addition, all college faculty, staff and student employees must be in compliance with the Columbia Academy of Cosmetology Drug Free Workplace Policy.

Behavior that disrupts the educational environment, causes public inconvenience, annoyance or alarm, or recklessly creates a risk to people and/or property even though motivated by alcohol is a violation of law and institution policy.

### Health Risks

As part of the effort to create a drug-free campus, Columbia Academy of Cosmetology believes that the all staff and students should be educated about the physical and emotional health hazards the misuse of drugs and alcohol presents. Columbia Academy of Cosmetology provides the following information. Listed below are some of the health risks associated with using/abusing alcohol and various drugs. (Please note that the dangers associated with substance abuse are not limited to only the conditions listed below.)

Substance	Known Health Risks
Alcohol	Heart and liver damage; brain damage; death from overdose and accidents.
Marijuana/Hashish	Impaired memory perception, interference with psychological maturation, possible damage to lungs and heart, psychological dependence.

Cocaine	Intense psychological dependence, sleeplessness and anxiety, nasal passage damage, lung damage, and death from overdose.
Stimulants	Loss of appetite, hallucinations, paranoia, convulsions, brain damage, cancers of the lung, throat, mouth, death from overdose.
Depressants	Infection, addiction, loss of appetite, death from overdose, nausea, and has severe interaction with alcohol.
Narcotics	Addiction with severe withdrawal symptoms, loss of appetite, death from overdose.
Hallucinogens	Anxiety, depression, impaired memory, emotional breakdown, death from overdose.
Inhalants	Drastic weight loss, brain damage, liver and bone marrow damage, high risk of sudden death.
Please contact the Health Services Department for additional information on the risks involved with the misuse of drugs and alcohol.	

Columbia Academy of Cosmetology is committed to the development and maintenance of a drug free environment in accordance with the Drug-Free Workplace Act. The institution will not tolerate any unlawful activity such as the possession, use, manufacture, distribution, and/or dispensation, of a controlled substance on institution owned property.

I have read and understand the following policy.

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Signature

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Date