



THE DEPARTMENT OF
STUDENT CONDUCT

**Frequently Ask Questions about Marijuana
Virginia State University Campus**

Q: It is legal in Virginia to use and possess marijuana for students over 21. Will VSU change its policies against marijuana use and possession?

A: No. Virginia State University's Alcohol and Substance Abuse policy <http://www.vsu.edu/files/docs/support-and-resources/alcohol-and-drug-policy-brochure.pdf> prohibits the use and possession of drugs on campus and within its programs and activities, and the federal government still considers marijuana to be an illicit drug. The University must abide by federal laws, including the Drug-Free Workplace Act and the Drug-Free Schools.

Q: Now that it is legal in Virginia for those 21 and over to use marijuana, shouldn't I have the right to possess and use marijuana anywhere I want, including on campus? What about my guests?

A: Marijuana is still considered an illegal drug federally and is prohibited from University property inside the residence halls and educational buildings.

University policy also prohibits guests and visitors from using, possessing, distributing, or being under the influence of marijuana while on University property or during University activities.

In addition, the University prohibits smoking tobacco, vaping, and hookahs in any building owned by the University.

Q: Can I use medical marijuana on campus?

A: No. All marijuana is prohibited from University property regardless of the intended use. Virginia State University encourages students to utilize University Counseling Center and University Health Services regarding health concerns. University Counseling Center can assist with substance use, education, support, resource referral, and general information on alcohol and other drugs.

Substance Abuse Prevention	(804) 524-5939
Counseling Center	(804) 524-5939
Student Health Services	(804) 524-5711

Q: Am I permitted to smoke marijuana in my residence hall room with permission from my roommate?

A: University policy prohibits residents from using, possessing, distributing, or being under the influence of marijuana while on University property, including the residence halls. In addition, smoking is prohibited in all University buildings, and removing or tampering with smoke detectors is a safety concern and violation of the Student Code of Conduct and Federal fire guidelines.

Q: What happens if I violate the marijuana policy?

A: Violations of the Code of Conduct will result in a referral to the Department of Student Conduct. Sanctions can range from warnings to disciplinary actions such as suspension and expulsion.

Q: Where can I learn more about the Virginia Marijuana Law?

A: <https://lis.virginia.gov/000/chapter551.pdf>

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