



**DRUGS & ALCOHOL VIOLATION POLICIES  
and  
DRUG & ALCOHOL ABUSE PREVENTION INFORMATION**

**Drug and Alcohol Violation Policies**

VanderCook students are subject to the laws of the state of Illinois. THE LEGAL DRINKING AGE IN ILLINOIS IS 21. Inappropriate on-campus behavior such as disorderly conduct, intoxication and harassment is considered a violation of VanderCook's Code of Conduct and will result in appropriate penalties.

All students should review and must adhere to the college's Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Policy, which can be found below as well as in the College Catalog and Student Handbook. Consumption of alcohol and/or possession of open containers of alcohol are prohibited on college property, whether in college buildings or on college grounds. Should a violation occur, college administration will be notified, as well as campus security and local law enforcement as appropriate.

**Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention**

VanderCook is committed to preventing the use of illicit drugs and abuse of alcohol by members of the college community. In accordance with this commitment, and in compliance with the Drug Free Schools and Campuses Act of 1989, this policy affirms the college's goal to maintain an environment that is free of illegal usage of drugs and alcohol. All students are expected to comply with the policy.

Students who are receiving Title IV grants, loans, or Federal Work-Study and are convicted of a drug offense while enrolled at VanderCook will risk the loss of those funds. Details of this policy are available from the U.S. Department of Education website.

Health Risks

Individuals who use illegal drugs or abuse alcohol risk adverse physical and psychological effects. In general, such individuals may suffer from illnesses and are less productive, less reliable, and more prone to accidents and absenteeism. Ingestion of drugs or alcohol during pregnancy may cause harm to the fetus. More specific explanations of the possible health effects of certain types of drugs are available in the IIT Student Health Center.

Counseling

VanderCook has a comprehensive drug-free awareness program to inform students about the dangers of drug and alcohol use, and to assist them in obtaining counseling and treatment. The IIT Counseling Center is open to all VanderCook students for counseling and/or referral for treatment. The center provides educational programs for students (including forums, dissemination of educational materials, and awareness periods (e.g., Alcohol Awareness Week)), and other programs and publications as needed. Students are encouraged to contact their academic dean or the IIT Counseling Center for information or assistance. If you suspect a fellow student is involved in illegal drug or alcohol use, encourage him or her to seek assistance from the appropriate office.

College Sanctions

Any student found in violation of this policy is subject to disciplinary action in accordance with VanderCook's Code of Conduct. Sanctions will depend upon:

- The severity of the infraction;
- If personal injury is involved

- If property damage occurs;
- Whether the student is a repeat offender; or
- If the college's learning environment is compromised.

Any party violating this policy for the first time will be required to meet with the appropriate dean and/or VanderCook's Standards Committee.

Students may also be subject to prosecution where appropriate. Questions, complaints, reports of violations, or appeals regarding the policy should be directed to the appropriate dean.

Legal sanctions Illinois law prohibits the unlawful manufacture, possession, use or distribution of marijuana and controlled substances, including narcotics, barbiturates and cocaine. Violation of state law may result in arrest and conviction. An individual so convicted may be fined and/or imprisoned in accordance with Illinois law. **Such a conviction may prohibit the student from completing the degree program and receiving licensure to teach.**

THE SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF ALCOHOL OR POSSESSION BY PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 21 IS ALSO PROHIBITED UNDER STATE LAW. ANYONE WHO VIOLATES THIS LAW MAY BE CHARGED AND PUNISHED ACCORDINGLY.

### **Smoking Policy**

VanderCook is subject to the Illinois Clean Indoor Air Act and Chicago Clean Indoor Air Ordinance, which stipulates that smoking is banned in all enclosed public places and places of employment as well as student dormitories. On VanderCook and IIT campuses, these places include:

- All enclosed workplaces
- State Street Village and McCormick Student Village
- All restaurants and bar areas
- Public places
- Public restrooms, lobbies, reception areas, hallways, and other common use areas in public buildings, apartment buildings, and condominium buildings
- Within 15 feet of the entrance to enclosed public places
- Recreational areas including enclosed sports arenas, stadiums, swimming pools, ice and roller rinks, arcades, and bowling alleys

In order to comply with the ordinance, VanderCook prohibits smoking in all of the locations listed above, and requires students, faculty, employees, and guests wishing to smoke to adhere to the ordinance and smoke at least 15 feet away from the entrance to any building.

Smoking is permitted in the private areas of IIT apartments unless an area has been designated as non-smoking. Smoking is prohibited in all areas of the residence halls. Violations of this policy should be reported to the appropriate academic dean.