

# Drug and Alcohol Policy

Barnard College is committed to creating for its students, faculty, and staff an environment in which the misuse of alcohol and drugs is minimized, which encourages moderation, safety, and individual accountability, and which provides an atmosphere free of coercion and peer pressure to abuse alcohol or use unlawful drugs. Barnard strongly supports educational and treatment programs as the most effective means to help reduce and prevent alcohol and drug abuse. At the same time, the College expressly prohibits the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of drugs and alcohol by students, faculty, or staff members while on College property or while participating in College-sponsored activities or conducting College business off-premises. Members of the College community are responsible for complying with federal, state, and local laws on the possession, use, and sale of alcohol and illicit drugs.

The College's policy on alcohol and drug abuse is published annually in the Barnard [Student Handbook](#) and in a memorandum distributed each year to all students, faculty, and staff. Information can be found on the web at <https://barnard.edu/title-ix-equity/respond/grievance-procedures/discrimination-harassment>.