

Alcohol Use Guidance

1. Purpose

To ensure alcohol use at Foothills Unitarian Church aligns with our values of safety, inclusion, and responsibility. This guidance supports our mission by fostering a respectful and secure environment for all participants.

2. Organizational Guidance

Permitted Alcohol Types

- Only beer and wine are allowed at church-operated events.
- Hard liquors are strictly prohibited.

Presence of Minors

- Alcohol is strictly prohibited at events where minors are present.
- Minors must have no access to alcohol at any time during the event.

Safety and Responsibility

- Safe consumption is paramount; drunkenness and impaired driving are unacceptable.
- Event organizers must prioritize the safety of all attendees.
- Providers and consumers of alcohol are solely responsible for ensuring responsible consumption.

Supplemental Insurance for Rentals

- Renters may serve alcohol only if they purchase supplemental event insurance explicitly covering alcohol use.
- Proof of insurance must be submitted at least 7 days prior to the event.

Inappropriate Settings

- Alcohol is not allowed at events where its presence is deemed inappropriate by group leaders, their staff lead, or a member of the Executive Team.
- Decisions are based on safety concerns or alignment with key missional values.

Storage Restrictions

- Alcohol must not be stored in unsecured locations, such as church refrigerators or counters, beyond event setup and teardown hours.
- Providers of alcohol must adhere to all storage policies.

Provider Responsibility

- Providers of alcohol are solely responsible for its consumption and for adhering to all storage and safety policies.
- Groups offering alcohol must distribute this policy to attendees at least once per year.

Enforcement

- Non-compliance may result in disciplinary action, including removal from the event, revocation of alcohol use privileges, or termination of rental agreements.
 - Event organizers and alcohol providers must ensure strict adherence to these guidelines to maintain a safe and responsible environment.
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3. Related Content

Bylaws and Policies

This guidance interprets or implements the following:

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Organizational Guidances & SOPs

This guidance is related to or informs the following documents:

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