University of St. Michael’s College
Residence Alcohol and Cannabis Code

The USMC Residence Alcohol and Cannabis code was enacted to ensure that USMC residents who choose to consume alcohol and use cannabis products while on USMC property, do so safely, legally, and in a manner that respects the well-being and legal obligations of the College and its members. The following policies apply to all students living in residence at USMC as well as their guests:

1. No person under the age of 19 years may possess or consume alcohol or cannabis anywhere on College property.

2. No person who is 19 years or older may provide alcohol or cannabis, either directly or indirectly, to persons who are under 19, or allow underage residents to consume alcohol/cannabis in their room. This includes the use of vapes.

3. The consumption of alcohol by persons of legal age in residence is only permitted in individual residence rooms. Consumption in all other places including common rooms, corridors, foyers, bathrooms, fire escapes, patios, or outside on the College grounds, is prohibited.

4. No alcohol or cannabis may be sold either directly or indirectly (tickets, memberships, clubs, etc.) on College property.

5. No person may be intoxicated in any public area of the residence or College including common rooms.

6. Drinking games that promote the rapid consumption of alcohol are prohibited, as are the use of instruments (e.g. funnels) to maximize or accelerate consumption. All activities that have excessive consumption or intoxication as their focus are prohibited.

7. Coercing others to consume alcohol or cannabis is prohibited as is the use of alcohol and cannabis in any type of initiation ritual.

8. Alcohol and cannabis may not be given to students as prizes by members of the St. Michael’s Residence Council, the individual House Councils, or the Dons.

9. Kegs of beer (including mini kegs) are prohibited on campus and not allowed in the residence dorms.

10. Smoking/vaping cannabis is prohibited everywhere on the SMC campus; students caught smoking cannabis inside will be subject to a $250 fine.

11. Any event sponsored by a student or student group that intends to take place in a venue where alcohol or cannabis is served, must be preapproved by the Office of the Dean of Students before the event may be advertised.

12. All advertising for events in which alcohol or cannabis is available, whether on-campus or off, that has been designed, printed or commissioned by a student group, may only make reference to alcohol/cannabis in general terms (i.e. wine & cheese, licensed event, etc.) and may not mention specific alcohol products, providers, or pricing.

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13. Residents are responsible for the consequences of their own actions as well as the actions of their guests, whether they are under the influence of alcohol or cannabis. Intoxication is not an excuse for inappropriate or delinquent behavior.

14. Residents may possess up to 30 grams (i.e., the legal limit) of dried cannabis in their rooms, but it must be stored in an air-tight container along with all cannabis paraphernalia.

15. The USMC mail desk will not accept any deliveries of alcohol or cannabis for students.