

# Alcohol policies at U.P.E.I.



## Drinking laws firmly enforced on campus

**A**s the school year begins, so dawns another year of waking up early for classes, studying and, of course, drinking. Just what are we, the students, allowed to do when it comes to drinking on campus? Mr. McEntee, Director of Security of UPEI, states that the university must comply with the liquor control act of Prince Edward Island.

The student union Panther Lounge (a.k.a. the Barn) is the most obvious drinking establishment on campus, although Marriot Food Company is also licensed to sell liquor at specific areas on campus. If either of these companies fail to follow the Liquor Control Act, they may be fined and/or have their licenses revoked.

The legal drinking age for PEI is nineteen, and if you are under age, getting a drink at the Panther Lounge is virtually impossible. Ricky Hickox, campus police chief, instructs all of his workers to check everyone's identification before they enter the establishment. Students under age get a "dry" stamp and must stay in the designated areas of the Barn, and the "wet" students pretty much have the run of the place. If any I.D.'s are questionable, the person(s) to whom it belongs are not permitted to drink. Fake identifications are tried of course, but unless it is an exceptional work of art, most often the person is caught. Mr. Hickox does state, "Even if they get by us with a fake I.D., it won't last long. We usually find out by word of mouth." Those caught are banned from the Barn for the duration of the school year.

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While at the Barn, if people become drunk, they are not served any more liquor and are politely asked to leave the premises. The campus police try to find friends of drunk persons to take them home, escort them back to residence, or be send them home in a taxicab.

Drinking in residence is only allowed in an individual's room, which is considered to be private property. Hallways, lounges, and other common areas are considered to be public property and, if a person is caught drinking in these areas, they may face charges.

### Liquor Control Act

Offence	Section	Penalty for Out of Court Settlement
Unlawfully consuming liquor in a public place	39(1)	\$100
Being intoxicated in a public place	39(2)	\$100
Consuming liquor in or about a motor vehicle	39(3)	\$100
Selling, giving, supplying liquor to a minor	40(1)	\$200
Minor illegally being in a licensed premises	40(2)	\$20
Permitting a minor to enter and remain on a licensed premises	40(3)	\$200
Minor failing to leave a licensed premises on request	40(4)	\$20
Minor possessing or consuming liquor	40(5)(a)	\$20
Minor entering any liquor store	43	\$20
Permitting drunkenness on premises	47(1)(a)	\$20
Supplying liquor to a person who is intoxicated	47(1)(c)	\$20
Illegal possession of liquor	48(1)	\$100

Although you may shrug this off because you haven't been caught before, just remember that we have enough expenses to pay this year without having fines on top of that!

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