Schreiner University Drug Free Schools and Campuses
Prevention Plan
Message to Parents

Schreiner University does not condone or encourage the use of alcohol by underage students; nor does it encourage or condone illegal drug use by any student. The university has requirements from the State and Federal levels which direct and guide us in our mission, and we are assisted by local law enforcement in enforcing needed rules. Policies are in place to penalize those who are flagrant in their abuse of campus rules, and parents are encouraged to support our efforts to keep our campus a safe and healthy place for all.

Alcohol is the number one substance abused by college age students, and many students believe it is a rite of passage to indulge in excessive ways. While most students do not suffer in the long run from these activities, it must also be noted that alcohol abuse can have serious and even deadly consequences. Accidents and suicide are the two greatest causes of death of individuals of college age, and alcohol is often involved. Prevention of such incidents is the main purpose in our drug and alcohol mission. Some students require sanctions, fines, or community service in order to become motivated to assume responsibility for their behavior.

Students are often naïve about the consequences of excessive alcohol use, so the university encourages parents to also instill in them the very real dangers which include physical injuries, assaults, date rape and unsafe sex, academic problems, depression and suicide, vandalism and property damage, arrest, vehicle accidents, and even death due to alcohol poisoning.

Binge drinking is a popular college activity among some students and accounts for most of the serious consequences. Binge drinking for men is five or more drinks in a two hour period and four of more drinks for women in the same time. What seems to them as innocent recreation can result in alcohol poisoning which is marked by unconsciousness, seizures, vomiting, asphyxiation, irregular breathing, and then death. Students on campus are warned to notify emergency services at 911 if one of their peers has any of these symptoms.

Driving under the influence is another extremely dangerous college activity and Schreiner advises all students who may drink off campus to arrange for a non-drinking friend to drive them back to campus. Deaths and injury from accidents and the very serious and expensive legal penalties can be avoided.

Students on campus will have numerous opportunities to learn about alcohol and drug abuse and the various ways they can avoid involvement. Students and their parents may contact the residence hall directors, campus security, local police, or their campus counselor or nurse for additional information, assistance, or intervention.