

How to Help

Warning Signs

If you know someone who has problems related to drinking alcohol or other drug use, you are not alone. You don't have to be an expert to know if your friend has a problem. If s/he has these kinds of troubles related to alcohol or other drugs, your friend may need to talk with someone. Here are some warning signs to watch for:

Does he or she:

- Try to hide his/her drinking or other drug use?
- Not remember what happened while he or she was using drugs or drinking?
- Have problems in job or school performance?
- Take physical risks, like driving, biking, or swimming, while intoxicated?
- Avoid talking about drinking or drug use, except to brag about how much was drunk or how high he or she got?
- Think about "getting high" a lot?
- Limit friends to those who drink or use drugs a lot?
- Seem unable to have a good time or to party unless alcohol or drugs are available?
- Say he or she sometimes "needs" a drink or drug?
- Get angry when you mention your concerns and deny that there is anything wrong?
- Have a history of alcohol or other drug problems in the family?

How You Can Help

First, learn more about alcohol and other drug abuse. Libraries, and alcohol and other drug information agencies and treatment centers are good places to get more information.

Next, find out where your friend can get help on campus or in your community. Having this information available if and when your friend needs it will pay off. Most people who seek help for alcohol or drug problems get better.

Let your friend know how much you care. Explain how his/her drinking and/or other drug use affect you and your friendship. Use your own words and say what is right for you. Be honest and specific. Say exactly what makes you unhappy, and how those problems relate to drinking and/or drugs.

Don't get discouraged if your friend gets angry, refuses to listen, or denies the problem. These reactions are common in people who have alcohol or other drug problems. All you can do is say how you feel, show that you care, and suggest ways to get help. Feel OK if you do that.

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Resources

On Campus

AWC offers resources relating to substance abuse prevention for students and staff. Anyone concerned about their own use of alcohol and other drugs, or about the use by someone else is welcome to contact these resources:

Suzanne Amon

Campus Health Services
(928) 344-7602

Counseling Services

(928) 344-7624

ARIZONA WESTERN COLLEGE

P.O. Box 929
Yuma, AZ 85366-0929
(928) 317-6000
www.azwestern.edu

Off Campus

AAAB Pathways to Recovery

(800) 417-6237

Alcoholics Anonymous

(928) 782-2605

Al-Anon

(928) 783-2011

Catholic Community Services

(928) 314-9400

Crossroads Mission

(928) 783-9362

The Excel Group

(928) 341-0335 Yuma
(928) 627-0242 San Luis
(928) 785-9426 Wellton

Narcotics Anonymous

(928) 783-5999

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Drug and Alcohol-Free Policy and Prevention Program for Students



Most Commonly Abused Drugs

Substance	Common or Slang Names	Possible Long-term Effects	Dependence Potential—Physical/Psychological
Alcohol	Beer, Wine, Liquor, Booze, Juice, Sauce, Brew, Vino	Severe impairment of all physical and mental functions; high risk of choking on vomit, or injury from falls or accidents; may cause death due to anesthesia of brain centers controlling breathing, heart rate, and consciousness.	Yes/Yes
Stimulants	Cocaine, Crack, Speed, Meth, Chalk, Amphetamines, Diet Pills, or many other natural and synthetic stimulant products	Increase of heart rate and blood pressure, possibly leading to irreversible damage to blood vessels in the brain producing stroke. Other problems include: agitation, irritability, dizziness, loss of appetite, confusion, tactile, convulsions, delusions, hallucinations, toxic psychosis, possibly death.	Possible/Yes
Cannabis	Marijuana, Hashish, Hashish Oil, Pot, Herb, Boom, Mary Jane, Grass, Dope, Weed, Homegrown, Joints, Sinsemilla, Maui-Wowie, Thai Sticks, Roaches, Smoke	Fatigue; reactions ranging from mild anxiety to panic and paranoia, confusion, disorientation; hallucinations and distortion of sense perceptions, bronchitis, conjunctivitis, and possibly birth defects.	No/Possible
Sedatives	Barbiturates, Tranquilizers, Methaqualone, Ludes, 714's Spoor, Barbs, Bluebirds, Blues, Fooies, Yellow Jackets	Shallow respirations; weak and rapid pulse; severe withdrawal symptoms, toxic psychosis, coma; possible death from depression of central nervous system.	Yes/Yes
Narcotics	Heroin, Codeine, Morphine, Opium, Percodan, Percocet, Fetanyl, H, Horse, Junk, Smack, Stuff, Brown Sugar, Coke, Rock, Toot, Blow, Snow, Pearl Flake, Snort, Line	Shallow and slow breathing; dizziness; constipation, loss of appetite; vomiting; sweating; convulsions; coma; possible death. Highly addictive. Associated with fatal overdose, spontaneous abortion, collapsed veins, and infectious diseases.	Yes/Yes
Hallucinogens	LSD (acid), psilocybin, peyote, peyote buttons, mescaline	Fear, anxiety, panic, hallucinations; exhaustion, depression, and flashbacks. Impaired judgment from use may lead to impulsive actions, intensify existing psychosis, paranoia, rapid mood swings and "bad trips."	No/Possible

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Federal Legal Sanctions: Through its Federal Sentencing Guidelines, the federal government regulates the discretionary penalties against drug possession and trafficking that federal judges may use in sentencing offenders of federal drug statutes. Under these guidelines, courts can sentence a person for up to six (6) years for unlawful possession of a controlled substance, including the distribution of a small amount (less than 250 grams) of marijuana. A sentence of life imprisonment can result from a conviction of possession of a controlled substance that results in death or bodily injury. Possession of more than five (5) grams of cocaine can trigger an "intent to distribute" penalty of 10–16 years in prison U.S.S.G.s 2d2.1(b)(1). State penalties vary based upon the amount in possession, previous convictions, etc. Penalties may range up to 20 years. City ordinances also prohibit the consumption of alcohol in public areas.

Drug and Alcohol-Free Environment

Arizona Western College recognizes the drug and alcohol dependency to be an illness and major health problem. The College also classifies drug usage and abuse as a potential safety and security problem. An alcohol prevention program is administered through the AWC Health Services office to include education, self-appraisal activities, and referral to community resources. Additionally, College counselors are available to assist students in accessing referral for treatment and ongoing follow-up through community resources.

Arizona Western College will provide a drug-and alcohol-free environment for its employees and students. No employee or student will unlawfully manufacture, distribute, possess or use a controlled substance or alcohol on the campus. A controlled substance is defined according to Title 21 USC Section 821 (Schedules I-IV) as now enacted or subsequently amended.

The Arizona Western College Student Code of Conduct prohibits drug and alcohol related behavior. Violations of this policy will result in disciplinary action, which may include but is not limited to probation, suspension, termination, or expulsion and referral for prosecution. Additionally, residence hall students found in violation of this policy may lose further privilege to living in on campus residences. Specifically, Article 2 of Prohibited Conduct states, "An individual shall not possess, sell, offer to sell, purchase, offer to purchase, use or transfer illegal drugs, drug paraphernalia or alcohol; or be under the influence of alcohol, drugs or medication (except as prescribed by a physician and used in accordance with the prescription)." The term "drug" includes any narcotic, dangerous drug, steroid, vapor releasing toxic substance, marijuana, controlled substance (imitation or otherwise) as defined by law. The term "medication" means any substance that is available legally by prescription only. Students involved in alcohol and /or drug related incidents with AWC Campus Police will be cited in accordance with Arizona state laws and referred to appropriate authorities for prosecution

In compliance with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendment of 1989, Public Law 101-226, Arizona Western College is committed to providing a drug-free learning environment. The unlawful manufacture, distribution, sale, possession, or use of illicit drugs or alcohol at AWC is prohibited. Each student is responsible for behavior that does not adversely affect safety, health, or the learning process of him/herself or others. Use of drugs and/or alcohol on the AWC campus will be cause for disciplinary action.