Responsible Use of Alcohol in McGill University Residences

In McGill University Residences, we work with students to create a community of mutual respect, inclusiveness, fun and safety that is conducive to student learning. In light of this goal, it is necessary to define responsible possession and consumption of alcohol. We wish to create an environment that both supports a decision to abstain from alcohol as well as a choice to consume it responsibly. Irresponsible alcohol consumption (such as drinking too much and/or too fast) can be dangerous to one’s health and safety and can negatively impact the residence community. Therefore, preventing irresponsible consumption is one of our primary concerns.

All residents and their guests must abide by these guidelines whenever they are in a McGill University residence. Violations will be enforced through the Code of Student Conduct and/or the Lease.

1. Possession and consumption of alcohol in McGill University Residences must conform to the laws of the province of Quebec, including, but not limited to, the law requiring that individuals must be 18 years of age or older to legally consume alcohol in Quebec.

2. Selling alcohol in McGill University Residences is not permitted.

3. Charging of admission to an event in McGill University Residences in which alcohol is served is not permitted.

4. Any organized party or activity in McGill University Residences that involves the serving of alcohol must be pre-approved in writing on the appropriate form both by the Hall Director of the residence and by Residences and Student Housing. At least 12 days notice is required, without exception, for the event to take place. The event must adhere strictly to the conditions of approval. The organizer(s) will be held responsible for violations of the Code of Student Conduct and/or the Lease that may occur due to the failure to adhere to the conditions of approval. Such an event would typically be held in a common room in Residences.

5. Any organized party or activity in McGill University Residences that involves the presence of alcohol must be pre-approved directly by the Hall Director of the residence. The organizer(s) will be held responsible for violations of the Code of Student Conduct and/or the Lease that may occur due to the failure to adhere to the conditions of approval. Such events would typically be held in a common room in Residences.

6. Any organized party or activity in a dining hall in McGill University Residences that involves the serving and/or presence of alcohol must be pre-approved in writing on the appropriate form both by Food and Dining Services and by Residences and Student Housing. At least 12 days notice is required for the event to take place. The event must adhere strictly to the conditions of approval. The organizer(s) will be held responsible for violations of the Code of Student Conduct and/or the Lease that may occur due to the failure to adhere to the conditions of approval.

7. Containers of alcoholic beverages that are larger than those legally available for personal purchase in Quebec are strictly prohibited within Residences.

8. The possession of open containers of alcohol and the consumption of alcohol is prohibited in stairwells and in any other areas designated by the Hall Director of the particular residence.

9. Consumption of alcohol is a choice and individuals are responsible for the consequences of their choices. As such, the effects of alcohol will never be accepted as an excuse or a mitigating factor for any violations of the Code of Student Conduct, Lease, or federal, provincial and/or municipal law.