

Legal Risks in Virginia

ALCOHOL & CANNABIS

ALL HOSTS

Purchasing, giving, providing or assisting in providing alcohol to a person under 21

Class 1 misdemeanor, mandatory driver's license suspension of 1 year; possible fine up to \$2,500, possible jail sentence up to 1 year. Va Code 4.1-306

Providing alcohol to an intoxicated person

Class 1 misdemeanor, up to \$2,500 fine and/or one year in jail. Va Code 4.1-304

Noise violations – above 55dB (a normal conversation) between 10pm and 6am

Class 4 misdemeanor, fine up to \$250. Charlottesville Code Sec. 16-8

Unlawful accumulations of garbage, refuse, etc.

Class 1 misdemeanor, fee up to \$2,500 + fee to clean it up. Charlottesville Code Sec. 26-1

ALL STUDENTS

Underage alcohol consumption, possession, or purchase

Class 1 misdemeanor, mandatory minimum \$500 (max. of \$2,500) or 50 hours of community service AND driver's license suspension of 6 months to 1 year; possible jail sentence up to 1 year. Va Code 4.1-305

Possession of open alcoholic beverage containers in public places

Class 4 misdemeanor, fine up to \$250. Va Code 4.1-308

Indecent exposure (Urinating, etc. in public view of others can result in an arrest for sexual criminal misdemeanor)

Class 4 misdemeanor, \$250 fine. Charlottesville Code Sec. 17-13

Public profanity and drunkenness

Class 4 misdemeanor, fine up to \$250. Va Code 18.2-388

Damaging or defacing property generally

Class 6 felony or Class 1 or 3 misdemeanor, depending on cost of damage and intent of perpetrator. Va Code 18.2-137

Trespassing

Class 1 misdemeanor, minimum fine of \$500 (up to \$2,500). Va Code 18.2-119

Obstructing members of the rescue squad

Class 2 misdemeanor, maximum \$1,000 fine. Va Code 18.2-414.1

Obstructing justice – knowingly obstructing a law enforcement officer in performance of his/her duties

Class 1 misdemeanor, \$500 minimum fine. Va Code 18.2-460

Assault and battery – knowingly committing an assault or an assault and battery against a law enforcement officer

Class 6 felony, mandatory minimum term of confinement of six months. Va Code 18.2-57c

Disorderly conduct

Class 1 misdemeanor, minimum \$500 fine

- Intent to cause public inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm, or recklessly creating a risk thereof
- Conduct in a public location having a direct tendency to cause acts of violence by the person or persons at whom, individually, such conduct is directed
- The person in charge of any such public location may eject any person who violates any provision of this section, with the aid, if necessary, of other individuals.

VA Code 18.2-415

Cannabis use prohibited under these conditions:

- Under age 21
- In public
- In a vehicle
VA Code 4.1-1100
- On UVA property: UVA Policy STU-001