



## **DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM 2016-2017**

*Texas A&M International University (TAMIU) is required to disseminate and ensure receipt of the below information to all students, staff and faculty on an annual basis. Please take the time to review this important information in its entirety. For questions concerning this policy and/or other alcohol and drugs programs, interventions and policies contact the Office of Student Conduct at 956-326-2265 or email at [integrity@tamiu.edu](mailto:integrity@tamiu.edu).*

### **I. UNIVERSITY ALCOHOL & DRUG PREVENTION PROGRAM**

In accordance with the *Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989*, TAMIU has established an alcohol and drug-free awareness and prevention program for its students and employees. The program provides information regarding the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse; maintenance of a workplace and learning environment free from alcohol and drug abuse; available alcohol and drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and the penalties that may be imposed on students and employees for alcohol and drug abuse violations. Questions regarding information in this policy should be directed to Mayra Hernandez, Director of Student Conduct & Community Engagement, 956-326-2856.

#### **A. STANDARDS OF CONDUCT**

Texas A&M International University strictly prohibits the unlawful manufacture, distribution, possession or use of illicit drugs or alcohol on University property, and/or while on official duty and/or as part of any University activities. All students are expected to abide by local, state and federal laws pertaining to controlled substances, illicit drugs and the use of alcohol. Sanctions consistent with local, state, and federal law will be imposed on students and employees for violation of this policy. This policy is in addition to any alcohol or drug abuse policy or policies relating to participation in college athletics.

Additional information regarding the standards of conduct can be found in TAMUS Policy 34.02, Drug and Alcohol Abuse; TAMUS Regulation 34.02.01, Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Programs; TAMIU Rule 34.02.01.L1, Drug and Alcohol Abuse and Rehabilitation Programs; and the Student Handbook. <http://www.tamiu.edu/scce/2016-2017%20Student%20Handbook.pdf>

#### **B. DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS**

1. Underage students confronted by the University for the consumption of alcohol will face disciplinary sanctions ranging from warning up to and including expulsion.
2. Students whose use of alcohol or drugs results in harm or the threat of harm to themselves or others, or to property regardless of the location of the incident may face disciplinary action by the University. Sanctions range from a warning up to and including expulsion.
3. A student who is not in good standing with the University due to alcohol or drug violation may be ineligible to represent the University in any capacity.

**C. RE-ENTRY PROGRAM**

TAMIU students who have been separated from the University as a result of a alcohol or drug violation with programs and services designed to make the transition back to the University a smooth and comfortable one. A student re-entry program is available through the Office of Student Conduct and Community Engagement. Reentry programs and services include: orientation, tutoring, counseling services, workshops and seminars to improve academic and study skills, social and cultural programs.

**D. LEGAL SANCTIONS**

A student who violates any of the following alcohol and/or drug laws will be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency and will be subject to prosecution in accordance with the law. Legal sanctions for a violation of local, state, and/or federal law may include, but not be limited to fines, probation, jail, or prison sentences. Sanctions for specific state and federal criminal violations are provided below.

Penalties Under Texas Law		
Offense	Minimum Punishment	Maximum Punishment
Manufacture or delivery of controlled substances (drugs)	Confinement in jail for a term of not more than 2 years. Or less than 180 days, and a fine not to exceed \$10,000	Confinement in TDJC for life or for a term of not more than 99 years nor less than 15 years, and a fine not to exceed \$250,000
Possession of controlled substances (drugs)	Confinement in jail for a term of not more than 180 days, and a fine not to exceed \$2,000	Confinement in TDJC for life or for a term of not more than 99 years nor less than 15 years, and a fine not to exceed \$250,000
Delivery of marijuana	Confinement in jail for a term of not more than 180 days, a fine not to exceed \$2,000 or both	Confinement in TDJC for life or for a term of not more than 99 years nor less than 10 years, and a fine not to exceed \$100,000
Possession of marijuana	Confinement in jail for a term of not more than 180 days, a fine not to exceed \$2,000 or both	Confinement in TDJC for life or for a term of not more than 99 years nor less than 5 years, and a fine not to exceed \$50,000
Driving while intoxicated (includes intoxication from alcohol, drugs or both)	Confinement in jail for a term of not more than 180 days nor less than 72 hours, and a fine of not more than \$2,000	Imprisonment for a term of not more than 10 years nor less than 2 years, and a fine not to exceed \$10,000
Public intoxication	A fine not to exceed \$500	Varies with age and number of offenses
Purchase of alcohol by a minor	A fine not to exceed \$500	Varies with age and number of offenses
Consumption or possession of alcohol, by a minor	A fine not to exceed \$500	Varies with number of offenses
Purchase of alcohol for or furnishing of alcohol to a minor	A fine not to exceed \$4,000 or confinement in jail for a term not to exceed one year, or both	A fine not to exceed \$4,000 or confinement in jail for a term not to exceed one year, or both

### **Offense of manufacture or delivery of controlled substances (less)**

These offenses are set out in the Texas Health and Safety Code §481.112, §481.1121, §481.113, and §481.114, which vary the offense and punishment based upon two factors: the type of drug (which schedule it is listed under) and the quantity of the drug involved in the offense. Texas Health and Safety Code §481.032 contains long lists of drugs that are in schedules 1, 1-A, 2, 3, 4, and 5. Additional controlled substances are added to these schedules each year. Current controlled substance schedules are available from the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Texas Health and Safety Code §481.112 deals with manufacture and delivery of controlled substances in Penalty Group 1 drug offenses: less than 1 gram is a state jail felony; more than 1 gram and less than 4 grams is a 2<sup>nd</sup> degree felony; more than 4 grams and less than 200 grams is a 1<sup>st</sup> degree felony; more than 200 grams and less than 400 grams is life imprisonment or a term of 10 to 99 years and up to a \$100,000 fine; more than 400 grams is life imprisonment or a term of 15 to 99 years and up to a \$250,000 fine.

Texas Health and Safety Code §481.1121 deals with manufacture and delivery of controlled substances in Penalty Group 1-A drug offenses: number of abuse units less than 20 is a state jail felony; number of abuse units more than 20 and less than 80 is a 2<sup>nd</sup> degree felony; number of abuse units more than 80 and less than 4000 is a 1<sup>st</sup> degree felony; more than 4000 units is life imprisonment or a term of 15 to 99 years and up to a \$250,000 fine.

Texas Health and Safety Code §481.113 deals with manufacture and delivery of controlled substances in Penalty Group 2 drug offenses; less than 1 gram is a state jail felony; more than 1 gram and less than 4 grams is a 2<sup>nd</sup> degree felony; more than 4 grams and less than 400 grams is a 1<sup>st</sup> degree felony; and more than 400 grams is a life imprisonment or a term of 10 to 99 years and up to a \$100,000 fine.

Texas Health and Safety Code §481.114 deals with manufacture and delivery of controlled substances in Penalty Group 3 drug and 4 drug offenses: less than 28 grams is a state jail felony; more than 28 grams and less than 200 grams is a 2<sup>nd</sup> degree felony; more than 200 grams and less than 400 is a 1<sup>st</sup> degree felony; and more than 400 grams is life imprisonment or a term of 10 to 99 years and up to a \$100,000 fine.

### **Offense of Possession of Controlled Substances**

These offenses are set out in Sections 481.115, 481.116, 481.117, and 481.118, Texas Health and Safety Code, which vary the offense and punishment based upon two factors: the type of drug (which schedule it is listed under) and the quantity of the drug involved in the offense. Section 481.032, Texas Health and Safety Code, contains long lists of drugs that are in schedules 1, 1-A, 2, 3, 4, and 5. Additional controlled substances are added to these schedules each year.

Section 481.115, Texas Health and Safety Code, deals with Penalty Group 1 drug offenses: less than 1 gram is a state jail felony; more than 1 gram and less than 4 grams is a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree felony; more than 4 grams and less than 200 grams is a 2<sup>nd</sup> degree felony; more than 200 grams and less than 400 grams is a 1<sup>st</sup> degree felony; more than 400 grams is life imprisonment or a term of 10 to 99 years and up to a \$100,000 fine.

Section 481.1151, Texas Health and Safety Code, deals with Penalty Group 1-A drug offenses: number of abuse units less than 20 is a state jail felony; number of abuse units more than 20 and less than 80 is a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree felony; number of abuse units more than 80 and less than 4000 is a 2<sup>nd</sup> degree felony; more than 4000 units and less than 8000 units is a 1<sup>st</sup> degree felony; and more than 8000 units is life imprisonment or a term of 15 to 99 years and up to a \$250,000 fine.

Section 481.116, Texas Health and Safety Code, deals with Penalty Group 2 drug offenses: less than 1 gram is a state jail felony; more than 1 gram and less than 4 grams is a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree felony; more than 4 grams and less than 400 grams is a 2<sup>nd</sup> degree felony; and more than 400 grams is life imprisonment or a term of 5 to 99 years and up to a \$50,000 fine.

Section 481.117, Texas Health and Safety Code, deals with Penalty Group 3 drug offenses: less than 28 grams is a Class A misdemeanor; more than 28 grams and less than 200 grams is a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree felony; more than 200 grams and less than 400 grams is a 2<sup>nd</sup> degree felony; and more than 400 grams is life imprisonment or a term of 5 to 99 years and up to a \$50,000 fine.

Section 481.118, Texas Health and Safety Code, deals with Penalty Group 4 drug offenses: less than 28 grams is a Class B misdemeanor; more than 28 grams and less than 200 grams is a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree felony; more than 200 grams and less than 400 grams is a 2<sup>nd</sup> degree felony; more than 400 grams is life imprisonment or a term of 5 to 99 years and up to a \$50,000 fine.

**Offense of Delivery of Marijuana** - Section 481.120, Texas Health and Safety Code, deals with delivery of marijuana offenses: less than one quarter ounce is a Class B misdemeanor if delivery is without compensation; less than one quarter ounce is a Class A misdemeanor if delivery is for compensation; more than one quarter ounce and less than five pounds is a state jail felony; more than five pounds and less than 50 pounds is a 2nd degree felony; more than 50 pounds and less than 2000 pounds is a 1st degree felony; and more than 2000 pounds is life imprisonment or a term of 10 to 99 years and a fine not to exceed \$100,000.

**Offense of Possession of Marijuana** - Section 481.121, Texas Health and Safety Code, deals with possession of marijuana offenses: less than 2 oz. is a Class B misdemeanor; more than 2 oz. and less than 4 oz. is a Class A misdemeanor; more than 4 oz. and less than five pounds is a state jail felony; more than five pounds and less than 50 pounds is a 3rd degree felony; more than 50 pounds and less than 2000 pounds is a 2nd degree felony; and more than 2000 pounds is life imprisonment or a term of 5 to 99 years and a fine not to exceed \$50,000.

**Offense of Delivery of Controlled Substance or Marijuana to Minor** - Section 481.122, Texas Health and Safety Code, deals with the offense of the delivery of a controlled substance or marijuana to a minor (17 years of age or younger) and provides that the offense is a 2nd degree felony punishable by imprisonment for a term of not more than 20 years or less than 2 years and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

**Offense of Driving while Intoxicated (drugs or alcohol)** - Sections 49.04, 49.09, Texas Penal Code, provide that the offense of driving while intoxicated is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor with a minimum term of confinement of 72 hours unless the driver had an open container of alcohol in his possession in which case the offense is a Class B misdemeanor with a minimum term of confinement of six days in jail. One prior conviction enhances the punishment to a Class A misdemeanor with a minimum term of confinement of 30 days; two prior convictions enhances the punishment to a 3rd degree felony.

**Offense of Consumption or Possession of Alcohol in Motor Vehicle** - Section 49.03, Texas Penal Code, provides that the penalty for the offense of consumption of an alcoholic beverage while operating a motor vehicle in a public place is a Class C misdemeanor.

**Offense of Public Intoxication** - Section 49.02, Texas Penal Code, provides that the offense of public intoxication wherein a person appears in a public place while intoxicated to the degree that the person may endanger himself or another person is punishable as a Class C misdemeanor, unless the person is younger than 21 years old, wherein Sections 106.071 and 106.115, Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code apply and provide for a Class C misdemeanor punishment and attendance at an alcohol awareness program, and where the offender has been previously convicted twice for an alcohol-related offense by a minor, the punishment is a fine of not less than \$250 or more than \$2000; confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days; or both the fine and confinement; community service of 8 to 40 hours; suspension of Texas Driver's License or permit for 30 to 180 days and attendance at an alcohol awareness program.

**Offense of Purchase of Alcohol by a Minor** - Sections 106.02, 106.071, and 106.115, Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code, provide that the offense of the purchase of alcohol by a minor is punishable as a Class C misdemeanor and attendance at an alcohol awareness program, and when the person has been previously convicted twice for an alcohol-related offense by a minor, the punishment is a fine of not less than \$250 or more than \$2000; confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days; or both the fine and confinement; community service of 8 to 40 hours; suspension of Texas Driver's License or permit for 30 to 180 days and attendance at an alcohol awareness program.

**Offense of Consumption of Alcohol by Minor** - Sections 106.04, 106.071, and 106.115, Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code, provide that the offense of consumption of alcohol by a minor is punishable as a Class C misdemeanor and attendance at an alcohol awareness program, and where the person has been previously convicted twice for an alcohol-related offense by a minor, the punishment is a fine of not less than \$250 or more than \$2000; confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days; or both the fine and confinement; community service of 8 to 40 hours; suspension of Texas Driver's License or permit for 30 to 180 days and attendance at an alcohol awareness program.

**Offense of Possession of Alcohol by Minor** - Sections 106.05, 106.071, and 106.115, Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code, provide that the possession of alcohol by a minor is punishable as a Class C misdemeanor and attendance at an alcohol awareness program, and where the person has been previously convicted twice for an alcohol-related offense by a minor, the punishment is a fine of not less than \$250 or more than \$2000; confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days; or both the fine and confinement; community service of 8 to 40 hours; suspension of Texas Driver's License or permit for 30 to 180 days and attendance at an alcohol awareness program.

**Offense of Sale of Alcohol to a Minor** - Section 106.03, Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code, provides that the penalty for selling alcohol to a minor is a Class A misdemeanor.

**Offense of Purchase of Alcohol for a Minor or Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor** - Section 106.06, Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code, provides that the penalty for purchasing alcohol for a minor or giving or making available an alcoholic beverage to a minor is a Class B misdemeanor.

**Offense of Misrepresentation of Age by a Minor to Person Selling or Serving Alcoholic Beverages** - Sections 106.07, 106.071, and 106.115, Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code, provide that the penalty for misrepresentation of age by a minor to a person selling or serving alcoholic beverages is punishable as a Class C misdemeanor and attendance at an alcohol awareness program, and where the offender is a minor previously convicted twice for alcohol-related offenses, a fine of not less than \$250 or more than \$2000; confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days; or both fine and imprisonment; community service of 8 to 40 hours; suspension of Texas Driver's License for 30 to 180 days and attendance at an alcohol awareness program.

**Criminal Penalties:**

A Class C misdemeanor is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500. (Texas Penal Code §12.23).

A Class B misdemeanor is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$2000; confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days; or both fine and confinement. (Texas Penal Code §12.22).

A Class A misdemeanor is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$4000; confinement in jail for a term not to exceed one year; or both fine and confinement. (Texas Penal Code §12.21).

A state jail felony is punishable by confinement in a state jail for any term of not more than 2 years or less than 180 days and by a fine not to exceed \$10,000. (Texas Penal Code §12.35; Increased to a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree felony if a deadly weapon is used or exhibits or previously convicted of any felony).

A 3<sup>rd</sup> degree felony is punishable by imprisonment for any term of not more than 10 years or less than 2 years and a fine not to exceed \$10,000. (Texas Penal Code §12.34).

A 2<sup>nd</sup> degree felony is punishable by imprisonment for any term of not more than 20 years or less than 2 years and a fine not to exceed \$10,000. (Texas Penal Code §12.33).

A 1<sup>st</sup> degree felony is punishable by imprisonment for life or for any term of not more than 99 years or less than 5 years and a fine not to exceed \$10,000. (Texas Penal Code §12.32).

The Texas Penal Code further provided for increased penalties for repeat and habitual felony offenders and misdemeanor offenders. Also, the punishment for an offense will be increased to that prescribed for the next highest category of offense in certain instances if controlled substances are used to commit the offense (Texas Penal Code §12.42, §12.43, and §12.49).

**Federal Penalties**

The federal penalties quoted in these charts are based upon language contained in the applicable federal statutes creating criminal offenses regarding controlled substances and are subject to change at any time. However, there are additional factors in the federal sentencing system, including various enhancement provisions for prior offenses. Additional penalties may be imposed when a controlled substance is distributed or possessed with an intent to distribute within 1,000 feet of a public university. See United States Code Title 21 Section 860.

<b>Federal Trafficking Penalties for Marijuana, Hashish and Hashish Oil, Schedule I Substances</b>	
Marijuana 1,000 kilograms or more marijuana mixture or 1,000 or more marijuana plants	<p><b>First Offense:</b> Not less than 10 yrs. Or more than life. If death or serious bodily injury, not less than 20 yrs., or more than life. Fine not more than \$10 million if an individual, \$50 million if other than an individual.</p> <p><b>Second Offense:</b> Not less than 20 yrs. or more than life. If death or serious bodily injury, life imprisonment. Fine not more than \$20 million if an individual, \$75 million if other than an individual.</p>
Marijuana 100 to 999 kilograms marijuana mixture or 100 to 999 marijuana plants	<p><b>First Offense:</b> Not less than 5 yrs. or more than 40 yrs. If death or serious bodily injury, not less than 20 yrs. or more than life. Fine not more than \$5 million if an individual, \$25 million if other than an individual.</p> <p><b>Second Offense:</b> Not less than 10 yrs. or more than life. If death or serious bodily injury, life imprisonment. Fine not more than \$8 million if an individual, \$50 million if other than an individual.</p>
Marijuana 50 to 99 kilograms marijuana mixture, 50 to 99 marijuana plants	<p><b>First offense:</b> Not more than 20 yrs. If death or serious bodily injury, not less than 20 yrs. or more than life. Fine \$1 million if an individual, \$5 million if other than an individual.</p> <p><b>Second Offense:</b> not more than 30 yrs. If death or serious bodily injury, life imprisonment. Fine \$2 million if an individual, \$10 million if other than an individual.</p>
Hashish More than 10 kilograms	
Hashish Oil More than 1 kilogram	
Marijuana Less than 50 kilograms marijuana (but does not include 50 or more marijuana plants regardless of weight)	<p><b>First Offense:</b> Not more than 5 yrs. Fine not more than \$250,000, \$1 million if other than an individual.</p> <p><b>Second Offense:</b> Not more than 10 yrs. Fine \$500,000 if an individual, \$2 million if other than individual.</p>

Federal Trafficking Penalties for Schedules I, II, III, IV, and V (except marijuana)				
Schedule	Substance/Quantity	Penalty	Substance/Quantity	Penalty
II	Cocaine 500-4999 grams mixture	<p><b>First Offense:</b> Not less than 5 yrs. and not more than 40 yrs. If death or serious bodily injury, not less than 20 yrs. or more than life. Fine of not more than \$5 million if an individual, \$25 million if not an individual.</p> <p><b>Second Offense:</b> Not less than 10 yrs. and not more than life. If death or serious bodily injury, life imprisonment. Fine of not more than \$8 million if an individual, \$50 million if not an individual.</p>	Cocaine 5 kilograms or more mixture	<p><b>First Offense:</b> Not less than 10 yrs. and not more than life. If death or serious bodily injury, not less than 20 yrs. or more than life. Fine of not more than \$10 million if an individual, \$50 million if not an individual.</p> <p><b>Second Offense:</b> Not less than 20 yrs. and not more than life. If death or serious bodily injury, life imprisonment. Fine of not more than \$20 million if an individual, \$75 million if not an individual.</p> <p><b>2 or More Prior Offenses:</b> Life imprisonment. Fine of not more than \$20 million if an individual, \$75 million if not an individual.</p>
II	Cocaine Base 28-279 grams mixture		Cocaine Base 280 grams or more mixture	
IV	Fentanyl 40-399 grams mixture		Fentanyl 400 grams or more mixture	
I	Fentanyl Analogue 10-99 grams mixture		Fentanyl Analogue 100 grams or more mixture	
I	Heroin 100-999 grams mixture		Heroin 1 kilogram or more mixture	
I	LSD 1-9 grams mixture		LSD 10 grams or more mixture	
II	Methamphetamine 5-49 grams pure or 50-499 grams mixture		Methamphetamine 50 grams or more pure or 500 grams or more mixture	
II	PCP 10-99 grams pure or 100-999 grams mixture	PCP 100 grams or more pure or 1 kilogram or more mixture		
<b>Substance/Quantity</b>		<b>Penalty</b>		
Any Amount of Other Schedule I & II substances		<b>First Offense:</b> Not more than 20 yrs. If death or serious injury, not less than 20 yrs. or more than life. Fine \$1 million if an individual, \$5 million if not an individual.		
Any Drug Product Containing Gamma Hydroxybutyric Acid		<b>Second Offense:</b> Not more than 30 yrs. If death or serious bodily injury, life imprisonment. Fine \$2 million if an individual, \$10 million if not an individual.		
Flunitrazepam (Schedule IV) 1 Gram				
Any Amount Of Other Schedule III Drugs		<p><b>First Offense:</b> Not more than 10 yrs. If death or serious injury, not more than 15 yrs. Fine not more than \$500,000 if an individual, \$2.5 million if not an individual.</p> <p><b>Second Offense:</b> Not more than 20 yrs. If death or serious bodily injury, not more than 30 yrs. Fine not more than \$1 million if an individual, \$5 million if not an individual.</p>		
Any Amount Of All Other Schedule IV Drugs (other than one gram or more of Flunitrazepam)		<p><b>First Offense:</b> Not more than 5 yrs. Fine not more than \$250,000 if an individual, \$1 million if not an individual.</p> <p><b>Second Offense:</b> Not more than 10 yrs. Fine not more than \$500,000 if an individual, \$2 million if other than an individual.</p>		
Any Amount Of All Schedule V Drugs		<p><b>First Offense:</b> Not more than 1 yr. Fine not more than \$100,000 if an individual, \$250,000 if not an individual.</p> <p><b>Second Offense:</b> Not more than 4 yrs. Fine not more than \$200,000 if an individual, \$500,000 if not an individual.</p>		

## **E. HEALTH RISKS RELATED TO ALCOHOL USE**

The following information was obtained from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's *Fact Sheets – Alcohol Use and Your Health*. The fact sheet can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/alcohol/fact-sheets/alcohol-use.htm>.

Alcohol, more than any illegal drug, was found to be closely associated with violent crimes, including murder, rape, assault, and spousal abuse. Excessive alcohol use has immediate effects that increase the risk of many harmful health conditions. These are most often the result of binge drinking and include the following:

- Injuries, such as motor vehicle crashes, falls, drowning, and burns.
- Alcohol poisoning, a medical emergency that results from high blood alcohol levels.
- Risk sexual behaviors, including unprotected sex or sex with multiple partners. These behaviors can result in unintended pregnancy or sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV.
- Miscarriage and stillbirth or fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASDS) among pregnant women.

Over time, excessive alcohol use can lead to the development of chronic diseases and other serious problems including:

- High blood pressure, heart disease, stroke, liver disease and digestive problems.
- Cancer of the breast, mouth, throat, esophagus, liver, and colon.
- Learning and memory problems, including dementia and poor school performance.
- Mental health problems, including depression and anxiety.
- Social problems, including lost productivity, family problems, and unemployment.
- Alcohol dependence or alcoholism.

By not drinking too much, you can reduce the risk of these short-and long term health risks.

## **F. HEALTH RISKS RELATED TO ILLICIT DRUG USE**

Although initial drug use might be voluntary, drugs of abuse have been shown to alter gene expression and brain circuitry, which in turn affect human behavior. Once addiction develops, these brain changes interfere with an individual's ability to make voluntary decisions, leading to compulsive drug craving, seeking, and use. Additionally, the impact of addiction can be far-reaching. Cardiovascular disease, stroke, cancer, HIV/AIDS, hepatitis, and lung disease can all be affected by drug abuse. Some of these effects occur when drugs are used at high doses or after prolonged use, however, some may occur after just one use. See National Institute on Drug Abuse. Medical Consequences of Drug Abuse Retrieved from <https://www.drugabuse.gov/related-topics/medical-consequences-drug-abuse> on September 5, 2016.

Synthetic cannabinoids also known as "synthetic marijuana" or "fake weed:"

Synthetic cannabinoids refer to a growing number of man-made mind altering chemicals that are either sprayed on dried, shredded plant material so they can be smoked or sold as liquids to be vaporized and inhaled in e-cigarettes and other devices. Synthetic cannabinoids are often marketed as safe, legal alternatives to marijuana. In fact, they may affect the brain much more powerfully than marijuana; their actual effects can be unpredictable and, in some cases, severe or life threatening.

For additional information regarding risks related to specific drug use, please consult the U.S. Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration publication called *Drugs of Abuse (2011 Edition)* at [https://www.dea.gov/docs/drugs\\_of\\_abuse\\_2011.pdf](https://www.dea.gov/docs/drugs_of_abuse_2011.pdf).



## **G. DRUG AND ALCOHOL PREVENTION PROGRAMS**

### **On-Campus Resources and Information**

TAMIU Student Counseling & Disability Services | 956-326-2230 | [www.tamiau.edu/wellness/stucouns.shtml](http://www.tamiau.edu/wellness/stucouns.shtml)

TAMIU Community Stress Center | 956-326-3120 |

[www.tamiau.edu/coas/psy/mastercounpsy/CommunityStressCenter.shtml](http://www.tamiau.edu/coas/psy/mastercounpsy/CommunityStressCenter.shtml)

TAMIU Student Health Services | 956-326-2235 | [www.tamiau.edu/health](http://www.tamiau.edu/health)

TAMIU Student Conduct & Community Engagement | 956-326-2856 | [www.tamiau.edu/scce](http://www.tamiau.edu/scce)

TAMIU Housing and Residence Life | 956-326-1300 | [www.tamiau.edu/housing/housing.shtml](http://www.tamiau.edu/housing/housing.shtml)

TAMIU University Police Department | 956-326-2100 | [www.tamiau.edu/adminis/police/index.shtml](http://www.tamiau.edu/adminis/police/index.shtml)

TAMIU VP for Student Success | 956-326-2273 | [www.tamiau.edu/studentssuccess/index.shtml](http://www.tamiau.edu/studentssuccess/index.shtml)

### **Off-Campus Resources and Programs**

Al-Anon Serenity Group | 956-337-4805 | 4120 San Bernardo Ave., Suite 7

Alcoholics Anonymous - Gratitude Group | 956-722-9001 | 4120 San Bernardo Ave., Suite 6 |

[www.aalaredo.com](http://www.aalaredo.com)

A Healthy Image Counseling Services | 956-724-2345 | 6826 Springfield Ave., Suite 102

Amor Counseling | 956-568-585 | 1812 Commerce Drive, Suite 2

Counseling & Therapy Concepts | 956-723-5523 | 6826 Springfield Ave., Suite 104

Concilio Hispano Libre | 956-728-0440 | 1205 E. Hillside Rd.

Daisy Counseling Services | 956-523-0152 | 107 Calle del Norte, Suite 14A

El Puente Counseling Center | 956-722-0121 | 1501 Corpus Christi St.

La Familia Consulting & Counseling Services | 956-795-0948 | 1319 Corpus Christi St.

Laredo Counseling Services | 956-729-1991 | 2315 E. Saunders, Suite 2

The Lighthouse Professional Counseling Services | 956-723-4770 | 1319 Corpus Christi St., Suite 3

PILLAR | 956-723-7457 | 1403 Seymour Ave. | [www.pillarstrong.org](http://www.pillarstrong.org)

Psychotherapy & Counseling | 956-796-9335 | 1115 Chihuahua St.

Laredo Police Department – Emergency | 911

Laredo Police Department –Non-Emergency | 956-795-2800 | 4712 Maher Ave.

National Council on Alcoholism & Drug Dependence | Hope Line 1-800-622-2255 24-hour Affiliate Referral |

[www.ncadd.org](http://www.ncadd.org)

SCAN (Serving Children & Adolescents in Need) | 956-725-7211 | 1901 Pita Mangana Rd.. | [www.scan-](http://www.scan-inc.org/resources.htm)

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Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Adminis | 1-800-662-HELP | 1-800-487-4889 (TDD) |

[findtreatment.samhsa.gov](http://findtreatment.samhsa.gov)

Webb County Sheriff's Office – Non-Emergency | 956-523-4500 | 902 Victoria St.

Webb County District Attorney's Office | 956-523-4900 | 1110 Victoria St., Suite 401