



Marijuana Use Policy

NAME: **Marijuana Use Policy**
ISSUING DEPARTMENT: **Student Affairs**
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DEFINITION OF POLICY/PROCEDURE

Mansfield University is experiencing an increase in the number of complaints from students regarding illegal use of marijuana in the residence halls. Structural design of the building does not allow for isolation of odors between individual units. Therefore, when use is detected the effects of second-hand smoke, etc. can be disturbing students throughout the building.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy to assist with greater enforcement of illegal drug use and enforcement of fines to deter students from smoking marijuana in the residence halls.

RESPONSIBILITY

The Dean of Students will be responsible for establishing, reviewing & updating procedures for the administration of this policy.

PROCEDURE

1st offense: Educational sanctions, including completion of the online Judicial Educator module regarding illegal drug use, followed by a 2-3 page reflection paper. Students have two weeks in which to complete these sanctions. Failure to comply will place the student on automatic 2nd offense status.

2nd offense: \$100 fine; student will be allowed to remain in the halls, however, they will be notified they are on deferred housing status. This means that if another violation occurs, the student may be administratively removed from campus housing and may face, at the discretion of the conduct administrators, other sanctions appropriate for the violation. These sanctions will be in place for the remainder of the existing semester in which the violation occurs, plus one full additional semester.

3rd offense: \$200 fine; loss of on-campus housing. These sanctions will be in place for the remainder of the existing semester in which the violation occurs, plus one full additional semester. The student will be placed on behavioral probationary status for the current and following academic year.

Distribution

This policy will be posted to the Policies and Procedures web page and will be included in the Policies section of the current undergraduate catalog.