

# 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 up to one year; possible fine up to \$2,500, possible jail sentence up to one 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. 5-148

### **ALL STUDENTS**

#### **Underage alcohol consumption, possession, or purchase**

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

#### **Drinking an alcoholic beverage in public places**

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

#### **Urinating in public**

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

#### **Public intoxication**

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

#### **Damaging or defacing property generally**

Class 1 misdemeanor, fine up to \$2,500. Va Code 18.2-137

#### **Trespassing**

Class 1 misdemeanor, up to \$2,500 fine. 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 the performance of 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, up to 12 months in jail and/or up to \$2,500 fine. Va Code 18.2-415

- 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.

#### **Cannabis use is prohibited under these conditions**

- Under the age of 21
- In public/in a vehicle
- Operating vehicle under influence of cannabis  
VA Code 4.1-1100, 4.1-1108, 4.1-1107
- On UVA property, UVA Policy STU-0001