

Drug/Alcohol Free Environment

Hagerstown Community College will maintain a safe, healthy, and productive environment free of alcohol and drugs for all employees and students. The College endorses the provisions of the Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988 and any applicable regulations by government agencies with respect to drug abuse and thereby establishes a drug-free and alcohol-free work place and learning environment.

It shall be unlawful and prohibited for an employee to manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess or use controlled substances or illegal drugs on College property, in a College vehicle, or while engaged in the discharge of College duties of College premises.

Employees may not report to work or work while under the influence of illegal drugs, nor may any employee report to work under the influence of legal drugs for which no prescription has been issued or where the use of the legal drugs is inconsistent with a prescription, or any drug when it is impacting performance on the job.

Employees may not possess or be under the influence of cannabis while they are acting in the scope of their employment with the College. Although Maryland law decriminalized non-medical marijuana allowing individuals 21 and older to possess 1.5 ounces of marijuana, cannabis is controlled under federal law and is not permitted on the College campus per the Federal Drug Free Schools and Communities Act. This Act applies to Hagerstown Community College as a recipient of federal funding.

The Maryland Cannabis Administration outlines the provisions of the law in a helpful document, Frequently Asked Questions/Adult-Use Cannabis document linked here: <https://mmcc.maryland.gov/Pages/cannabisfaq.aspx>

Compliance with the standards set forth in this policy is mandatory. The College will refer violations to law enforcement officials for prosecution where appropriate and take necessary disciplinary action against the offender up to and including dismissal. The College may require the employee to satisfactorily participate in a drug or alcohol abuse assistance or rehabilitation.