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Alcohol policy

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Background

Medicinska Föreningen (MF) is one of Karolinska Institutet's (KI's) two student unions. MF works daily with student influence, student rights, student help and student life to make sure all students at KI will have the best time possible during their studies. Additionally, MF highly values the work that is being done in order to contribute to promoting and improving students' health in a defining way.

Purpose

The alcohol policy shall convey and clarify MF's standpoint concerning alcohol. The practical purpose of the alcohol policy is to simplify MF's communication of its standpoint to all bodies within MF and to external parties who use the premises or are contributors during events that are arranged together with MF. The alcohol policy shall encourage a pleasant and democratic environment and a meeting place which is open to all students and guests. It shall contribute to preventing ill health through creating opportunities for good health on equal terms for all students and through encouraging healthy alternatives. The alcohol policy must also be incorporated into MF's continuous work with the liquor license.

Vision

MF's vision is that the student union shall be an open meeting place characterized by interprofessionalism and friendship where all students get the opportunity to contribute, progress and grow. MF shall, in accordance with this, work to prevent ill health and create preconditions for good health. MF must also work actively to support and offer a pleasant environment and a meeting place which is open to all students at KI.

Alcohol – an active choice

MF's activities are open to all students, regardless of if they choose to consume alcohol or not. MF supports and wishes to promote a healthy approach to alcohol which decreases the risk of social and medical damage. Within MF, it must always be easy to make free choices and nobody shall feel forced to make a choice that is not in their own interest. Drinking alcohol is a free and active choice.

Sobriety

For everybody who are in charge of fire safety, safety and/or the serving of alcohol at Medicinska Föreningen's premises there is zero tolerance for consuming alcohol when they work for Medicinska Föreningen.

The common responsibility

Together we have a common responsibility to create a good environment and a meeting place which is open to all students and that is marked by joy and friendship. All present at events, both guests and staff, are personally responsible for their own behavior. It is not tolerated to egg someone on or convince them to consume alcohol. We need to keep the intoxication level at a pleasant level and respect everyone's personal choice of approach to alcohol – to drink or not to drink alcohol is a free choice.

When seeing a noticeably intoxicated person we support them by helping them out of MF's premises and making sure that the person gets home safely, for example together with a friend or by taxi. If we ourselves are unable to help we must call for someone else, for example a staff member or a guard, who can be there for them. If an intoxicated person has disruptive behavior or is difficult to approach, we must call for a staff member or a guard.



The student union's responsibility

The student union is responsible for informing all student union members and external renters about MF's alcohol policy and relevant parts of the alcohol law. The student union also has the responsibility of making sure all house managers get proper education in the responsible serving of alcohol. The student union must work to ensure a good cooperation with Studenthälsan in questions concerning e.g. the spreading of information and surveys about alcohol habits. If a person has a problematic relationship with alcohol and wants help, the student union shall inform the person about Studenthälsan and help the person to contact them.

The student union should look over and evaluate MF's alcohol policy yearly in order to ensure that it is followed and updated.