

## HEALTH CARE/PERSONAL WELFARE/ALCOHOL POLICIES

### HealthCare

Documentation received from the Medical Centre in Dalkeith states that WIS students should be treated under the National Health Service (NHS). This means that you will temporarily register with the Medical Centre in Dalkeith and that you are entitled to medical care under the NHS with no payment for the services covered by the NHS.

### Personal Welfare

Students should exercise reasonable care in their behavior and activities to ensure their personal welfare. A lower drinking age and a more tolerant attitude toward alcohol consumption in Scotland does not allow students to forget the serious consequences of misuse. Students are subject to all local laws dealing with drunkenness and drug use. Although HIV infection is still relatively low in Great Britain, it is present and increasing at a rapid rate. Personal decisions in sexual behavior should reflect awareness of these facts and dangers.

### Alcohol Policies

1. Alcohol misuse will not be tolerated on the WIS program. Alcohol misuse is present when:
  - Students miss any mandatory scheduled event because of the effects of alcohol.
  - A student becomes ill due to the effects of alcohol consumption.
  - An intoxicated student is disrespectful of others sharing the same housing (congregating in loud groups for social purposes).
  - A student engages in inappropriate behavior toward other students, staff or faculty on the program while intoxicated.
  - A student engages in destructive behavior toward property that is the result of alcohol consumption.
  - A student does not abide by the laws of the country while intoxicated.
  - A student engages in behavior that embarrasses other program members or compromises the reputation of the program.
  - Students in a group facilitate/encourage or ignore a fellow student who is misusing or abusing alcohol.

If a student becomes incapacitated due to alcohol overuse, or he/she is in need of medical attention, others must contact the Resident Director or Associate Director as well as local emergency services. To ensure this happens, the individual needing medical attention will not receive disciplinary sanctions; rather, they will be referred to appropriate counseling or assistance to address issues of chemical abuse. In certain circumstances, students will be referred to resources on their home campus after returning from the program.

2. While you are allowed to drink responsibly, parties are not allowed in Dalkeith House without the permission of the Director and Associate Director of Student Affairs. Arrangements for any party must be approved 2 days or 48 hours in advance.
3. Alcohol is only allowed in designated areas which include the servery, the dining hall, Willie's Café, the lower level recreation rooms and the recreation area in the front of the house. If you are transporting alcohol outdoors to the recreation area, it must be in a sealed container and carrier bag.

If you must drink - drink wisely and responsibly. Do not endanger yourself, others or the future viability of the program.

### **Consequences for Infraction:**

**First Offense:** First and last written warning, notice of home campus Director of International Education/Programs and appropriate campus authorities as well as disciplinary sanctions.

**Second Offense:** Removal from WIS program and referral to appropriate campus alcohol/drug education program.