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ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY

Provisions and Resources

Substance abuse is dangerous to you, both physically and mentally, and may cause long-lasting health effects and even death. Impaired skills while under the influence can cause motor vehicle accidents, falls, fires, and other injuries. Help is available for you if you need it and seek it. Individuals can receive confidential services from the following resources:

Center for Substance Abuse Treatment and Hotline	800-662-HELP
Career & Recovery Resources Inc., Houston, TX	713-757-7478
Santa Maria Hostel, Houston, TX	281-657-0898
Montrose Counseling Center, Houston, TX	713-529-0037
Right Step, Houston, TX	713-528-3709
Shamar Hope Haven, Houston, TX	713-942-8822
Houston Maintenance Clinic Inc., Houston, TX	713-527-0064

Penalties Under State & Federal Law

Federal Law

Offense	Minimum Punishment	Maximum Punishment
Manufacture, distribution or dispensing drugs (includes marijuana)	A term of imprisonment not more than 20 years, and a minimum fine of \$1,000,000	A term of life imprisonment without release (no eligibility for parole) and a fine not to exceed \$4,000,000 (for an individual) or \$20,000,000 (if other than an individual)
Possession of drugs (including marijuana)	Civil penalty in amount not to exceed \$10,000	Imprisonment for not more than 20 years or not less than 5 years, a fine of not less than \$5,000 plus costs of investigation and prosecution
Operation of a common carrier under the influence of alcohol or drugs		Imprisonment for up to 15 years and a fine not to exceed \$250,000

Texas Law

Offense	Minimum Punishment	Maximum Punishment
Manufacture or delivery of controlled substances (drugs)	Confinement in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice State Jail facility for a term of not more than 2 years or less 180 days, or confinement in a community correctional facility for not more than 1 year, and a fine not to exceed \$10,000	Confinement in TDCJ for life or for a term of not more than 99 years or less than 15 years, and a fine not to exceed \$250,000
Possession of controlled substances (drugs)	Confinement in jail for a term of not more than 180 days, and a fine not to exceed \$2,000	Confinement in TDCJ for life or for a term of not more than 99 years or less than 15 years, and a fine not to exceed \$250,000
Delivery of marijuana	Confinement in jail for a term of not more than 180 days, and a fine not to exceed \$2,000	Confinement in jail for a term of not more than 180 days, and a fine not to exceed \$2,000
Possession of marijuana	Confinement in jail for a term of not more than 180 days, and a fine not to exceed \$2,000	Confinement in jail for a term of not more than 2 years or less than 30 days, or confinement in TDCJ for a term of not more than 10 years or less than 2 years and a fine of not more than \$10,000
Driving while intoxicated (includes intoxication from alcohol, drugs, or both)	Confinement in jail for a term of not more than two years or less than 72 hours, and a fine of not more than \$2,000, possible loss of driver's license and license surcharge up to \$2,000 per year for 3 years.	Confinement in jail for a term of not more than two years or less than 30 days, or confinement in TDCJ for a term of not more than ten years or less than two years and a fine of not more than \$10,000
Public intoxication		A fine not to exceed \$500
Purchase or consumption or possession of alcohol by a minor	Fine of not more than \$500	For a subsequent offense a fine of not less than \$250 nor more than \$2000

Sale of alcohol or
furnishing alcohol
to a minor

Fine of up to \$4,000 and/or up to 1
year in jail

Both

Driving under the
influence of alcohol
by a minor

Fine of not more than \$500 and
community service related to
education about or prevention of
misuse of alcohol.

A fine of not less than \$500 or
more than \$2,000, confinement
in jail not to exceed 180 days
and/or both; community service
related to education about or
prevention of misuse of alcohol.
