

Living Policies Tool

Overview

BEFORE YOU START

This tool is most effective when used as part of your organization's FailSafe plan. If you and your leader team haven't completed both the **Member Alcohol Profile** and the **Leader Awareness and Planning Tool**, please do so before using this tool.

It is helpful to watch **FailSafe Module 3 video, How Do You Like Me Now?**, before starting this tool.

WHO IS THIS TOOL FOR?

This tool should be used by you (the leader of your student organization), the members of your leader team, and the senior members of your organization.

WHAT DOES THE TOOL HELP YOU DO?

This tool guides you through the process of leading two important meetings, one with your organization's leader team and the other with the members of your organization. The goal of the meetings is to make sure everyone understands the standards your organization has chosen to follow related to alcohol use, the potential risks for not following the standards, and the role that standards and policies play in helping everyone stay safe when partying.

WHY DO YOU NEED THIS TOOL?

Many people have a negative perception of rules and policies; we think their purpose is to limit us, rather than to help us create the kind of community we want to live in. We're often simply told what the rules are and what the consequences will be if we don't follow them. This tool helps your members make decisions as a group about the standards they want to follow to get the most out of their time together.

HOW DOES THE TOOL WORK?

This tool provides guidance (including scripts) and forms you can use during the meetings with your leader team and your group's membership.

HOW DO YOU START?

Schedule a 60-minute meeting with your organization's leader team and another with your membership. For the meeting with the entire organization, you may want to use a regularly scheduled membership meeting, but be sure to dedicate at least 30 minutes to this topic. For the membership meeting, you'll need to have a copy of the completed "Laws and Consequences" and "Our Living Policies" sheets for every member.