

Facilitator Notes for Principle 6: Use, Possession, or Unlawful Distribution of Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco

The facilitator notes include discussion points for scenarios that raise awareness and increase understanding of *Principle 6* of the *Licensure Code of Professional Conduct*. Please reference the [Facilitator Instructions](#) to help you prepare professional development using these scenarios.

Scenario 1	
<i>The high school football team made it to the state tournament, and a group of educators from the district have decided to attend the game together. Before the game they go out to dinner together and share pizza and a pitcher of beer.</i>	
Area of Concern Under Principle 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This scenario poses concerns under Principle 6c if they're on school premises or participating in school activities where students may be involved.
Primary Users	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All licensed educators
Key Considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educators should make sure to never be intoxicated around students, on school grounds, or at school functions. The educators should avoid consuming excessive amounts of alcohol in public and remember they should always serve as role models.
Strategies to Mitigate Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Don't consume alcohol before attending school functions.
Related Code of Conduct Principles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tip Sheet #4—Drugs and Alcohol

Scenario 2

Several teachers and parents chaperone a class trip to Washington D.C. After all the kids have gone to bed, one of the teachers has a glass of wine in her own room while watching TV.

Area of Concern Under Principle 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This scenario poses concerns under Principle 6c since the teacher is chaperoning a school activity involving students.
Primary Users	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All licensed educators
Key Considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educators are always responsible for students when on school trips. In this scenario, they are never off the clock. What if there is an emergency with a student or staff late at night? The teachers should be ready to act in an official capacity on a school trip at all hours.
Strategies to Mitigate Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Don't consume alcohol while you are responsible for students.
Related Code of Conduct Principles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tip Sheet #4—Drugs and Alcohol

Scenario 3

An athletic coach suggests that an athlete start taking a nutritional supplement to help “bulk up” to have a better physical advantage on the field.

Area of Concern Under Principle 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principle 6f prohibits the promotion of nutritional supplements and other aids to accelerate physical growth and enhance physical performance.
Primary Users	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All licensed educators
Key Considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider both the health and safety of the student. The student in this scenario could have an adverse reaction to the supplement or have an underlying medical condition that could put them at risk.
Strategies to Mitigate Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Don't encourage students to take nutritional supplements.
Related Code of Conduct Principles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tip Sheet #2—Extracurricular Leaders

Scenario 4

After a professional development day, a teacher invites colleagues to try a new craft beer they purchased on a recent vacation. A group goes back to a classroom, and the teacher pours everyone a taste.

Area of Concern Under Principle 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principle 6c states that educators cannot consume alcohol on school premises.
Primary Users	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All licensed educators
Key Considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consuming alcohol on school premises is prohibited. When educators are participating in professional development, they are acting in a professional capacity. Teachers don't have to be with students to be acting in a professional capacity. Even when classes are canceled for a professional development day, students may still be in the building to complete make-up work, service hours, etc. Educators should never consume alcohol if there is a possibility they may be around students.
Strategies to Mitigate Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not consume alcohol on school property.
Related Code of Conduct Principles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tip Sheet #5—Extracurricular Leaders