

Drug-Free Workplace Policy (400.19)

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Illinois Eastern Community Colleges has a duty to protect its employees, students and the public from dangers posed by the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of a controlled substance and the abuse of legal drugs and/or alcohol while on IECC owned or supervised property, and while on IECC business. The College will take all reasonable steps to insure a drug-free workplace in its programs during the performance of any federal contract work. IECC policy strictly prohibits all employees engaged in performing federal contract work from unlawfully manufacturing, distributing, dispensing, possessing or using controlled substances in the workplace.

I. NOTICE OF CONVICTION

As a condition of employment, all employees directly engaged in performing work under federal grants must agree to comply with this policy and must agree to notify the President or the Chief Executive Officer no later than five (5) days after any conviction for workplace violation of a criminal drug statute. IECC will report such convictions to the federal agency with whom IECC has contracted or from whom IECC has received the grant within ten (10) days.

Any employee who is convicted of such a crime is also subject to discipline up to and including discharge. Where appropriate, in the College's discretion, employees who are convicted of such crimes may be required to participate satisfactorily in a drug rehabilitation or counseling program.

II. DEFINITIONS

The term "controlled substances" means substances listed in Schedules I through V of Section 202 of the Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C., § 812. Among other substances, it includes such illegal drugs as marijuana, cocaine, crack, PCP, heroin, morphine and LSD. For the purpose of this policy, drugs are defined as any drug which is not legally obtainable and/or any drug which is legally obtainable, such as a prescription drug but which is not legally obtained, is not being used for prescribed purposes and/or is not being taken according to prescribed dosages.

The phrase "conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute" means a finding of guilt, a no contest plea or an imposition of sentence by any judicial body for any violation of any state or federal criminal statute involving the manufacture, distribution, dispensation, use or possession of any controlled substance.

III. PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION

Compliance with this policy is a condition of continued employment. Consequently, a violation of any aspect of this policy will render College employees subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination. Alternatively, if deemed appropriate by the College under the particular circumstances, any employee who violates this policy may be required to participate in and complete a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program to the satisfaction of the Agency.