



THS ALCOHOL AND DRUG POLICY

Background

The Student Union at the Royal Institute of Technology, THS, care for its members and feels responsible for them and their health. As a step towards achieving the best study environment as possible, THS believes it is important that the organization is permeated by a healthy attitude toward alcohol and distances itself from all sorts of drugs. This is to minimize the risk of accidents, injuries and mental health problems, as well as creating a healthy and inclusive party and alcohol culture within THS.

Purpose

THS alcohol and drug policy has been developed to establish and maintain a healthy and inclusive party and alcohol culture that protects the health of the members of THS.

History

Adopted by the Student Union Council 2004-09-02

Revised by Thérèse Thiel and established by the Student Union Council 2009-09-02.

Revised by Timmy Rosendal and Linnea Lidén and established by the Student Union Council 2017-02-28.

Basic principles

- Current Swedish laws and regulation, and the rules of THS and KTH must always be followed.
- THS arrangements outside Sweden's borders should take local rules and regulations into account, as well as always follow the policy rules as far as possible
- THS arrangements should be permeated by a healthy attitude towards alcohol.
- The policy applies to all THS arrangements.
- All party participants are responsible for their own actions.

Alcohol - a free choice

- A wide range of non-alcoholic drinks should always be available and should be presented in a positive and clear way.
- At the party registrations and at parties, alcohol should be an active choice.
- Non-alcoholic drinks should not subsidize beverages with alcohol.
- At events, the price difference between non-alcoholic beverages and alcoholic beverages shall correspond to the cost of alcohol at the event.
- THS does not accept arrangements in which drunkenness is put at the centre or glorified.
- Each individual must be respected and there must be no type of coercion or violation of personal privacy. THS does not tolerate any peer pressure concerning alcohol.

Overall responsibility

- The chapter or student association chairman has overall responsibility for all party activities within their organization.
- The chapter or student association chairman is responsible for compliance with the policy within their organization.



Responsibility for a party event

- All party personal¹ must be sober.
- The party personal should not consume alcohol, with the exception of quality control.
- The one responsible for the party² shall together with the party organizer be aware of the risks that may arise in connection with the event
- The one responsible for the party will ensure that all alcohol is legally purchased.
- The party organizer³ must ensure that there is always a trained permit holder representative on site if alcohol is served during the event.

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- THS elected representatives in general, and party organizers in particular, receive relevant training with regard to medical, legal and behavioural issues related to alcohol and drug addiction.
- A discussion of the alcohol issue is being held continually within THS.

THS approaches to drugs

- THS disassociate itself from all preparations classed as narcotics and drugs used for intoxicating purposes.
- THS urges members that suspects pass of narcotics from hand to hand on THS events to contact staff at the party, KTH and the police.

¹ Party personal = those who work or will work during the event

² The one responsible for the party= The person responsible on the party announcement from KTH and / or for serving of alcohol

³ Party organizer = The or those that has planned the arrangement.