



# Northeast Wisconsin Technical College

## AODA EDUCATION & PREVENTION

# Introduction

NWTC is committed to a safe, healthy, and drug-free learning and working environment. The use of drugs or alcohol can impair safety, disrupt the educational setting, and damage College property.

Under the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act (DFSCA) of 1989, NWTC must maintain policies prohibiting the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of alcohol and illicit drugs by students, faculty, and staff. All members of the College community are also subject to federal and Wisconsin state laws.

[View NWTC's Alcohol & Drug Policies & Programs](#)



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# Why AODA Awareness Matters at NWTC

NWTC is committed to a safe, healthy learning environment. Additionally, AODA programming related to education and prevention is required under the Drug Free Schools & Campuses Act (DFSCA).

## Substance Use Impacts:

- Academic Performance
- Safety & Wellbeing
- Career Readiness
- Community Health & Vibrancy



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# National Trends: Young Adult Substance Use

## Key Findings from Monitoring the Future 2025:

- Cannabis remains the most used illicit substance among ages 19–30
- Alcohol use remains widespread, though binge drinking shows mixed trends
- Vaping nicotine continues to rise among young adults
- Nonmedical use of prescription drugs has declined but remains a concern
- Hallucinogen use (e.g., psychedelics) has increased in recent years

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# College vs. Non-College Young Adults

## The More you Know:

- College students drink more alcohol than non-college peers
- Cannabis use is similar between college and non-college groups
- Vaping nicotine is higher among college students
- Nonmedical prescription drug use is lower among college students than non-college peers
- Driving after cannabis use is a growing concern

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# Alcohol Use Trends

## The More you Know:

- 12-month alcohol use remains high among ages 19–30
- Binge drinking (5+ drinks) shows:
  - Declines among younger adults
  - Increases among adults 35+
- High-intensity drinking (10+ drinks) persists among some young adults

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# Cannabis & Vaping Trends

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## The More you Know:

- Cannabis use continues to rise among young adults
- Daily cannabis use is at its highest recorded level
- Vaping cannabis and nicotine have increased significantly since 2017
- Delta-8 and CBD use are emerging trends among young adults

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# Opioids, Stimulants, & Prescription Drugs



## The More you Know:

- Nonmedical use of prescription opioids continues long-term decline
- Stimulant misuse (e.g., Adderall) remains a concern among college students
- Sedatives/tranquilizers show stable or declining use
- Opioid misuse remains a major issue in Wisconsin communities

Source: <https://www.shefinds.com/files/2017/06/cellulite-stretch-marks-supplement-1.jpg>

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# Northeast Wisconsin Context

Wisconsin's alcohol and binge drinking rates exceed national averages, especially in Outagamie and Brown counties, leading to crashes, violence, and chronic disease. DHS data shows opioid and stimulant harms affect both urban and rural areas across the NWTC District.

The Department of Health Services' opioid and stimulant dashboards highlight overdose deaths and hospitalizations by county, showing that rural counties (e.g., Marinette, Oconto, Shawano) are not spared.

## The More you Know:

- Fentanyl-contaminated counterfeit pills (especially among younger people who think they are taking "just one pill")
- Mixing substances: opioids + alcohol, or opioids + benzodiazepines, sharply increase overdose risk
- Limited treatment access in some rural parts of the district, despite clear need.

Source: [https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/stats/aoda.htm?utm\\_source=copilot.com](https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/stats/aoda.htm?utm_source=copilot.com)



Source: <https://www.nwtc.edu/about-nwtc>

# NWTC Alcohol & Drug Policy Summary

NWTC is committed to maintaining a safe, healthy, drug-free learning and working environment. Alcohol and drug use can impair safety, disrupt the educational environment, and negatively affect the wellbeing of students, employees, and visitors.

## Who the Policy Applies To:

- Students
- Faculty & Staff (all employees)
- Visitors and contractors
- Applies at all NWTC campuses, learning sites, and college-sponsored events

[View NWTC's Alcohol & Drug Policies & Programs](#)



# Campus Resources

## Students

**NWTC Counseling Services** offers a safe, confidential space for students to discuss mental health and well-being concerns. To schedule an appointment, call **920-498-5444** or visit **SC231** on the Green Bay campus. Counselors can assist with personal concerns and connect students to community resources when needed.

NWTC is also partnered with **BetterMynd**, providing students with flexible virtual counseling options and a diverse network of licensed counselors.

## Employees

Benefit-eligible employees and their family members have access to free counseling services through NWTC's Employee Assistance Program (EAP), provided in partnership with **ComPsych**.

# Community Resources

NWTC is proud to partner with a variety of local organizations dedicated to alcohol and drug awareness, education, and support. Over the years, we have collaborated with the Brown County Drug Task Force, the Jackie Nitschke Center, Women's Recovery Journey, Emplify by Bellin, and others to strengthen resources and promote community well-being.



[Click Here to View an Extensive List of Community Resources](#)



# Safety & Reporting Incidents

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## Safety Policies and Procedures

NWTC is committed to providing a safe and welcoming learning environment for all students, faculty, and staff. We have a comprehensive set of policies and procedures in place to keep everyone safe on campus.

[Learn more about our safety and security policies »](#)

## How to Report Criminal Activity

To report an emergency, crime or criminal activity on campus, call the Security Office at [920-498-5699](tel:920-498-5699).

NWTC Officers will respond to all reports for emergencies, crimes and/or criminal activity. Officers will complete an [Incident Report](#) for any crime occurring on NWTC property.

For further info on the incident reporting process, review our [Incident Reporting Procedure](#).



# THANK YOU

Please contact Joe Richter, Manager of Student Involvement, with any questions relating to the material within this presentation or with suggestions pertaining to AODA-related programming at NWTC.