

Date rape

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when they start drinking and socializing, McCrae said.

"Watch your drink, don't set it down," he said. It only takes a second for a drink to be drugged. Drinks can be also be drugged while they are being held.

"If you're drinking from a plastic cup it's a lot easier to dose your drink," McCrae said. Drinks with smaller openings, such as bottled or canned beer, prevent people from putting anything in your drink.

Other preventions include going out with a friend or peer group and then looking out for each other. If you go together, leave together, he said.

"College students need to realize that alcohol was the original date rape drug," McCrae said.

Area bars are aware of the potential dangers of the date rape drug and take steps to prevent drinks being spiked.

"Be aware of where a drink is coming from," said Justin Walker, a manager at Taylor's Bar and Grille on 13th Avenue. "It should come directly from the bartender."

"We encourage people to keep an eye on their drinks when they go and dance," he said.

Rohypnol isn't the only date rape drug to be aware of. Gamma-hydroxybutyrate (GHB), known also as Grievous Bodily Harm or Liquid Ecstasy, is a central nervous system depressant. It can cause dizziness, nausea, confusion, seizures, respiratory depression, intense drowsiness, unconsciousness and coma, McCrae said.

According to a July, 1998 article in the Chronicle of Higher Ed-

The Date Rape Drug

What you can do to protect yourself:

Don't leave your drink unattended at the table or bar while you are dancing, talking with friends or in the bathroom.

Only drink from unopened bottles and cans, or drinks that you've seen poured.

Avoid "group" drinks. Punch bowls or containers that are passed around are easiest to drug.

What you can do to protect your friends:

Watch each other's drinks. If someone gets up and leaves and can't take their drink, keep an eye on it for them.

If your friend looks drunk or ready to pass out, don't assume "everything will be okay." Check to see if they are OK.

If you came together, leave together. Don't leave a friend behind.

If you see someone dosing someone's drink or hear about a "drugged" punch bowl, confront the behavior.

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ucation, GHB can be used as a cheap quick high. It played a role in the deaths of at least five college students across the country since 1996. It was also found in the blood of hundreds of students who arrived in hospitals in a coma.

"It's helpful to know that these drugs are in our culture," Dochnahl said. "It's a good warning and reminder that we should be careful what we drink and who we hang out with."

Fines

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ants and landlords to keep social gatherings under control.

Kate Ray, a sophomore romance languages major, said there is a lot of police action around her apartment in Duck's Village on Friday and Saturday nights.

"It seems [the ordinance] would crack down on parties," Ray said. "We throw parties at our apartment, and if we got busted it would suck to have to pay for the police response."

Hill said he hopes the ordinance will also relieve the financial strain disorderly parties put on the community.

"Tax payers are burdening the cost for [breaking up disorderly parties] and not the tenants or landlords who are responsible," Hill said. "I don't think the community should pay for continuous responses to parties."

Hill said he supports charging people responsible for raucous parties, but is uncertain about exactly who should be held financially liable.

"The tenants are absolutely responsible," he said. "I do think there is a responsibility for landlords, but to what degree is up for discussion."

Property manager Benise Poplin, who works for Stewardship Property Management, said the proposed ordinance is "absolutely absurd." Because the eviction process is long and difficult, she said, landlords could be fined multiple times before they could kick out a rowdy tenant.

"I don't want my tenants to be rowdy," Poplin said. "I'm pretty strict, but I don't think I should be held financially responsible."

Jaylene Hulsey, who manages Four Seasons Green Tree Apartments, said she worries that the ordinance would endanger landlords by compelling them to break up out-of-control parties without the police.

"It's part of our job to run a comfortable community for our tenants, but landlords shouldn't have to be put in life-threatening positions," Hulsey said. "The police get paid to put their life on the line. They're packing a gun. I'm not."

The City Council will discuss the ordinance within two weeks and will hold a public forum on the issue, Councilman Gary Rayor said.

The Rental Owners Association of Lane County will work with the city to revise the ordinance to fit the needs of both police and landlords, said Norton Cabell, who serves on the association's board of directors.

Cabell said disorderly partying is a legitimate problem that needs to be addressed, but feels that the ordinance is an overly-simplistic solution because landlords don't have much legal power over tenants.

ASUO Legal Services Director Ilona Koleszar said she worries that the ordinance "is a way to force owners to evict people...and could make the neighbor judge and jury."

Koleszar pointed out that police respond to parties after receiving complaints. She said that neighbors holding grudges against tenants could call police every time the renter hosts a party, whether or not it is disorderly. The effect could be costly fines or even eviction for the tenant.

Gilliam said the ordinance would be strong deterrent and rarely enforced. He said that police have visited less than 10 houses and only a few taverns more than twice within 60 days this year.

Both Gilliam and Hill said the ordinance would act in tandem with EPD's projects aimed at preventing disorderly parties.

Hill said that the EPD will continue to plan with the University "alternative events for people to attend rather than going to parties and using alcohol for entertainment."

"We need to decouple fun and alcohol," Hill said.

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