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MUPD warns public to be aware of predatory drugs added to drinks
University has received multiple reports of suspected drugging throughout the community.

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COLUMBIA, Mo. – The Office for Civil Rights & Title IX at the University of Missouri has received multiple reports from individuals suspecting that drinks may have been drugged at various locations throughout Columbia. Some may have involved fraternity social events. The MU Police Department and the Columbia Police Department are aware of the suspicious reports and are working together to actively investigate them.

Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the [Office for Civil Rights & Title IX](#), [MUPD](#) or the Columbia Police Department.

“Safety is our top priority at the university, and communities across the country are seeing a recent rise in the number of people being drugged while at social events with alcohol,” MU Police Chief Brian Weimer said. “We want to be sure that our community members are aware of this possible trend locally.”

Someone who is drugged might not be able to identify the problem, but symptoms may include:

- Difficulty breathing.
- Feeling very drunk after consuming little, or no, alcohol.
- Having sudden nausea.
- Experiencing sudden body temperature change, sometimes accompanied by sweating or chattering teeth.
- Becoming dizzy, being disoriented or having blurred vision.
- Waking up with no memory or a spotty memory of recent events.

MUPD offers the following tips to reduce the chances of being drugged:

- Always get your own beverage or food and watch them being made or opened.
- Never leave your beverage unattended. This is for both alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks.
- Keep your hand over your beverage, covering it, when you’re not drinking.
- Get help immediately if you begin to feel dizzy, nauseated, light-headed or strange in any way.
- Stay with friends and create a buddy system to prevent getting separated from your group for an extended period of time.

- Arrange for a safe way of getting home, including a trusted friend, [STRIPES](#) or a taxi if available. The MU Police Department is available to provide safety escorts on campus 24-hours a day. Call 573-882-7201 to ask for an escort. (These escorts are on campus only, are not vehicle escorts and are provided by an unarmed security officer who will walk individuals to their destination.)
- Consider taking a [R.A.D. Basic Self Defense](#) class through MUPD.

Other crime prevention tips can be found on the [MUPD website](#). Even though individuals might take all possible precautions, they could still be victims of a crime.

Individuals who have been assaulted have several options and resources from the [RSVP Center](#), [True North](#), and the [Office for Civil Rights and Title IX](#). If an individual chooses a police investigation of this crime, MUPD will investigate, provide support and offer related services.

Additionally, if you are the victim of a crime or sexual harassment, assault or discrimination, please make a report to the [MUPD](#) or the [Office for Civil Rights and Title IX](#).