

Safer Social Event Team Information for Event Organizers

The Safer Social Event Team (SSET) is a peer support program at the University of Manitoba (UM), which assists students in creating safer spaces and in responding collaboratively to situations of concern. This program is delivered by the Sexual Violence Resource Centre, in collaboration with Student Wellness.

As of September 2022, **organizers of on-campus events involving alcohol and/or large numbers of students are required to host SSET members assigned to their event.**

At these events, SSET members will follow a harm reduction model in which they:

- Provide health education on topics including substance use, mental health, sexual violence, and sexual health
- Support event attendees by promoting responsible substance use, creating plans for safer transportation, encouraging respectful socializing, and increasing awareness of sexual violence risks and preventive measures
- Monitor event developments to identify and respond to situations of concern directly or in collaboration with event support staff (e.g., Security, St. John's Ambulance Society)
- Offer referrals to related UM and community resources

Arranging for SSET participation is a mandatory condition for approval of indoor or outdoor UM student social events involving alcohol and/or large numbers of students. Other UM events may be eligible for SSET team involvement on a request basis.

To effectively host SSET, organizers are expected to provide a table and two chairs located in a relatively quiet space at the event. The SSET members will have SSET branded t-shirts and identification to allow attendees, event organizers and support staff to readily identify and contact them.

There is no cost to event organizers to host the Safer Social Event Team.

For more information, please contact SSET at sveducation@umanitoba.ca or 204-474-6562