



Inspector General

2026-0002-INVI-P — Consumption of Alcohol While on Duty

Suspected Violations of the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) “Standards of Conduct,” “AOC Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace,” and “Time and Attendance” Policies. **Substantiated**

AOC Office of Inspector General (OIG) received allegations that an AOC employee repeatedly departed their assigned duty location during scheduled work hours, while in official uniform, to consume alcohol at a nearby establishment before returning to Capitol grounds to complete their shift. Separate allegations involving potential criminal violations by the employee are currently under investigation by the Metropolitan Police Department and are pending adjudication in the District of Columbia Superior Court.

AOC OIG initiated an administrative investigation into potential violations of AOC policy.

During the course of the investigation, OIG personnel observed the employee consuming alcoholic beverages while on duty and in official uniform. Additionally, during a recorded administrative interview, the employee admitted to consuming alcohol on multiple occasions at the establishment while on duty.

OIG obtained and reviewed surveillance video and point-of-sale transaction records, which also corroborated the employee’s presence at the bar during scheduled work hours and confirmed alcohol purchases consistent with the employee’s admission.

Based on the employee’s admission, direct observation by OIG personnel, and corroborating documentary evidence, the OIG substantiated the employee consumed alcohol while on duty and in official uniform and was absent from their assigned work location during compensated work hours.

Final Management Action: OIG’s Report of Investigation was submitted to AOC management for any action deemed appropriate. The case is closed pending management action.