



Policy Title:	Alcohol/Drug Medical Amnesty Policy
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SUMMARY:

The Alcohol/Drug Medical Amnesty Policy is designed to encourage students to seek medical attention if needed as a result of alcohol and/or drug consumption. This policy will provide an opportunity for an intervention other than the student conduct process.

POLICY:

- I. When a student contacts the Department of Public Safety, a member of the University Housing staff, or off-campus law enforcement/emergency personnel (for off-campus incidents) regarding a medical emergency related to alcohol or drug consumption, neither the student making the contact nor the student in need of assistance will be charged with violations of the University Alcohol and Drug Policy.
 - A. The students, however, will be required to meet with a hearing officer, counseling staff member, or the appropriate designee to discuss the incident.
 - B. The student(s) may be referred to Counseling Services for education and/or intervention.
- II. Registered Student Organizations

A representative of a registered student organization hosting an event is required to seek medical assistance in a medical emergency related to alcohol or drug consumption to be eligible for medical amnesty as it applies to organizations.

 - A. Representatives from the organization may be required to meet with staff in the Dean of Students Office and/or Student Life. Organizations that qualify for medical amnesty will not have charges assessed for violations of the University

Alcohol and Other Drug Policy, and the incident will not be noted on the organization's record.

- B. Organizations may be required to participate or facilitate an appropriate educational program for the organization and its members.
- C. Medical amnesty for an organization is granted to the organization only. Members of the organization must qualify for medical amnesty as described in Section I of this policy. Organizations may only be granted medical amnesty for appropriately recognized events of their organization.
- D. No disciplinary action will be taken unless the student(s) or organization(s) involved demonstrate a repeated lack of care or fail to follow the recommendations of the University administrator.
- E. This policy applies only to those students or organizations seeking emergency medical assistance as a result of an alcohol or drug-related medical emergency and does not apply to individuals found by University employees (e.g., University police, faculty, administrative staff and University Housing staff) or local law enforcement.
- F. If an individual or organization is involved in multiple calls for assistance, a greater level of intervention may be required, including possible student conduct action.
- G. Crime victims: If a victim of a crime is suspected of consumption of alcohol and/or drugs, amnesty may be extended to the victim and the person seeking assistance.
- H. This policy does not prevent action by local/state/federal authorities.