What is the Medical Amnesty/Good Samaritan Protocol?

Student health and safety are of primary concern at the University of Delaware. As such, in cases of intoxication due to the consumption of alcohol, the University encourages individuals to seek assistance for themselves or others.

If assistance is sought due to a serious and immediate risk from the consumption of alcohol, the Office of Student Conduct may not pursue conduct sanctions against a student for violations of the Alcohol Policy or policies related to the consumption of alcohol. Additionally, those students who actively assist an intoxicated individual will not receive conduct sanctions for violations of the Alcohol Policy or policies related to the consumption of alcohol.

Active assistance requires an individual to contact 911 or a University official (such as University of Delaware Police Department or a Resident Assistant). Once an active call for help has been made, additional examples of active assistance may include an individual monitoring the intoxicated student’s condition until assistance arrives, and cooperating fully during the medical and investigative process.

In lieu of conduct sanctions under the Student Guide to University Policies, the intoxicated student (and possibly the referring student) will be required to meet with the Dean of Students or designee, who may issue educational requirements such as BASICS or Decision Making Seminar.

In most cases, notification will be sent to the student’s parents or legal While there is no limit to the number of cases were one can receive amnesty, serious or repeated incidents will prompt a higher degree of concern and response. Failure to complete educational requirements or treatment recommendations issued under this protocol will result in the reinstatement of student conduct charges.

How can I apply for Medical Amnesty?

Students who believe that the Medical Amnesty (the student for whom help was requested) or the Good Samaritan (the student who called for help) Protocol applies to them must complete an application. This application is available at www.udel.edu/amnesty. Once completed thoroughly and to the best of a student’s knowledge, the application will be reviewed by staff members in the Office of Student Conduct. After this review, the student will receive an e-mail with additional information including an appointment to review the incident.

Please note: Medical Amnesty will not be granted to students who do not seek medical assistance or refuse assistance once help arrives.

Medical Amnesty does not preclude disciplinary sanctions due to any other violations of the Code of Conduct (not related to the Alcohol Policy). Likewise, Medical Amnesty does not prevent action by Newark police or other law enforcement personnel.
SIGNS OF ALCOHOL POISONING

In some cases, alcohol consumption may lead to alcohol poisoning and be life threatening. When a person is experiencing alcohol poisoning, you may notice the signs below.

- Inability to rouse a person with loud shouting or vigorous shaking
- Inability of a person who is passed out to remain alert for more than a few minutes
- Slow or irregular breathing
- Weak, very rapid or very slow pulse
- Cold, clammy or bluish skin
- Vomiting while passed out, not waking up after vomiting, or incoherent while vomiting

WHAT TO DO?

If a friend (or you) is experiencing any of the symptoms of alcohol poisoning on the other side of this sheet, get help!

**Call 911 or contact your RA.**

While waiting for help, you should also:

- Stay with your friend
- Have someone else go to the entrance of the building to meet the officers or EMTs
- Try to determine how much your friend consumed (the officers or EMTs may ask for this information when they arrive)

The most important thing to focus on during the incident is getting the medical attention that may be needed. Information about applying for amnesty can be addressed at a later time, after the person has been attended to.

RESOURCES

- **Office of Student Conduct**
  218 Hullihen Hall
  302-831-2117
  www.udel.edu/studentconduct

- **Student Wellness & Health Promotion**
  231 S. College Ave.
  302-831-3457
  www.udel.edu/wellspring

- **Office of the Dean of Students**
  101 Hullihen Hall
  302-831-8939
  www.udel.edu/studentlife/deanofstudents.html

- **University Police**
  413 Academy St.
  911 (emergency)
  302-831-2222
  (non-emergency)
  www.udel.edu/PublicSafety

To review the complete Medical Amnesty/Good Samaritan Protocol, please visit [www.udel.edu/amnesty](http://www.udel.edu/amnesty)