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 and/or alcohol poisoning, the University encourages individuals to seek medical assistance for themselves or others. If an individual seeks medical attention due to his/her level of intoxication which reasonably appears to create serious and immediate risk to the individual, the Office of Student Conduct may not pursue disciplinary sanctions against the student for violations of the Alcohol Policy of the Code of Conduct.

Additionally, those students who assist in obtaining medical attention for individuals who are intoxicated will not receive disciplinary sanctions for violations of the Alcohol Policy of the Code of Conduct.

In lieu of disciplinary sanctions under the Student Code of Conduct, the intoxicated student (and possibly the referring student) will be required to meet with a member of the staff of the Office of Student Conduct, who may issue educational requirements such as alcohol education and/or an alcohol and substance abuse assessment. In most cases, a letter will be sent home to the student’s parents or legal guardian.

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 protocol (the student who called for help) applies to them must complete and submit a written request. Request forms are available in the Office of Student Conduct, 218 Hullihen Hall, and must be submitted within five working days of the incident. (For example, if a call for medical assistance is made during the weekend, the written request must be submitted by the Friday following the incident.) The Director of the Office of Student Conduct or her designee will meet with the student to discuss the student’s request for a disciplinary exemption.

Please note: Medical Amnesty will not be granted to students who do not seek medical assistance. Students who are confronted by university staff (RA, UDPD, as an example) will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct for disciplinary action.

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 or RHC.

While waiting for help, you should also:

- Have someone stay with your friend
- Have someone else go to the entrance 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