

Good Samaritan Policy

The health, safety and well being of every member of the College community is the highest priority of the College. The College aims to provide assistance and support to the members of its community, and its students are expected to “Stand Up” for each other and take action by seeking assistance in the event of a medical emergency, or when they perceive that a member of the community may be in danger.

In instances of life threatening medical emergencies related to possible alcohol or drug overdoses:

- students who in good faith contact College authorities or emergency medical responders about the need for medical attention for others will be exempt from student conduct sanctions for the possession and consumption of alcohol or drugs;
- students for whom medical attention is sought through College authorities or emergency medical responders may be exempt from student conduct sanctions for the possession and consumption of alcohol or drugs; and
- students who contact College authorities or emergency medical responders for their own personal medical needs may be exempt from student conduct sanctions for the possession and consumption of alcohol or drugs.

This does not preclude conduct action for other violations of the Student Code of Conduct associated with underage drinking or drug use.

Conversely, the College will consider the failure to seek emergency assistance as a factor when determining the appropriateness of institutional action.

To fall under the scope of this policy, the student who seeks assistance for another student must:

- remain where they are, or remain with the individual requiring emergency care; and
- identify themselves to, provide information to, and comply with, the directives of the responding University Police officers or other College officials.

In addition, the student for whom assistance is sought must subsequently agree to timely completion of recommended alcohol education activities, assessment and/or treatment such as BASICS (Brief Alcohol Screening and Intervention for College Students.) Failure to complete the prescribed course of action may result in conduct action.

Students should also be aware that this policy does not prevent action by law enforcement authorities.

Student bystanders and victims/survivors who have been drinking and/or using drugs (whether such use is voluntary or involuntary) reporting in good faith an act of sexual violence or a victim/survivor reporting sexual violence to SUNY Geneseo officials or law enforcement **will not be subject to campus conduct action** for violations of alcohol and/or drug use policies occurring at or near the time of the sexual violence.

In circumstances where an organization recognized or sponsored by the College is found to be hosting an event where emergency assistance is requested, the willingness to seek assistance may be viewed as a mitigating factor in determining group conduct sanctions.

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