



## Good Samaritan Policy University of the South

The health and safety of the campus community is a paramount concern for the University. The Good Samaritan policy exists to combat the barriers to seeking help for a medical emergency related to the consumption of alcohol and other drugs by granting amnesty to students and student organizations.

### Requirements

Amnesty will be granted to students and recognized student organizations or groups who proactively seek assistance. To qualify for amnesty, a Student or Recognized Student Organization (RSO) must:

1. report any emergency by contacting the appropriate University officials, including law enforcement, when appropriate,
2. remain with any student needing attention or emergency treatment,
3. cooperate with University and/or emergency officials,
4. coordinate with University officials after the incident, and
5. cooperate with any University investigation.

This policy does not apply to individuals experiencing an alcohol or drug related medical emergency who are found by University employees (i.e. University Police, Faculty, administrative staff, residence hall staff, etc.).

This Policy is not intended to shield or protect those students or organizations that repeatedly violate the Code of Conduct. In cases where repeated violations of the University's Code of Conduct occur, the University reserves the right to initiate the conduct process on a case-by-case basis regardless of the manner in which the incident was reported. Additionally, the University reserves the right to resolve any case in which the violations are egregious.

The Office of Community Standards reserves the right to contact any student to discuss an incident whether or not this policy is in effect.

### Violations Eligible for Amnesty

Amnesty will only be granted for violations of the Code of Conduct related to the possession or consumption of alcohol and/or other drugs. This does not include distribution of these substances to others. Amnesty does not extend to violations of other portions of the Code of Conduct or other University policies.

Amnesty granted through the University conduct process will not apply or impact criminal or civil processes. The University's accountability processes are not a legal process and operate separately.



The University's [Title IX/Sex Discrimination Policy](#) also includes amnesty for alcohol and other drug violations. Students are offered amnesty for these policies in incidents related to sexual harassment, even if emergency medical assistance was not required.

### Types of Amnesty

#### *Individual Amnesty*

The student requiring emergency assistance will not participate in the University's accountability process through the Office of Community Standards; however, the student will be required to meet with a member of the Dean of Students Office. The purpose of this meeting will be to provide appropriate support and may require the student to complete an assessment and/or educational program. Failure to complete this requirement will negate amnesty given and refer the student back to the Office of Community Standards.

#### *Reporter Amnesty*

Students seeking help for another student will not be charged with violations of the Code of Conduct related to alcohol or other drugs as outlined above. This student will receive an outreach from the Dean of Students office, but will not be required to meet.

Students who repeatedly seek amnesty as a reporter may not be eligible under this policy and may be required to meet with a representative of the Dean of Students' Office. These students may also be required to complete an assessment and/or educational program. Failure to complete this requirement will negate amnesty given and refer the student back to the Office of Community Standards.

#### *Recognized Student Organization Amnesty*

Recognized Student Organizations may receive amnesty for policy violations outlined above if they proactively seek assistance for a student during an organizational event as defined by the standards in the Code of Conduct. RSOs who seek amnesty will be required to attend a meeting with a member of the Dean of Students' Office staff to discuss the circumstances and make appropriate plans to prevent future incidents.

RSOs who fail to implement outlined plans or develop a pattern of seeking amnesty may be referred to the Office of Community Standards and be ineligible for amnesty.