

MEDICAL GOOD SAMARITAN POLICY

The National Fraternity has adopted the following medical amnesty policy to assist members in the event they find themselves in a situation where an individual is in need of medical assistance.

Individual

If a member assists another person in obtaining immediate and appropriate medical care related to the use or consumption of alcohol, drugs, or to another medical emergency, then that member, as well as those who are assisted, will not be subject to individual disciplinary action with respect to the incident. This is the case even if the member who is assisting was a contributing factor to that emergency. An individual may benefit from this policy more than once, though repeated use of the policy may receive stricter scrutiny.

Chapter

A chapter that seeks immediate and appropriate medical assistance for a person in need related to the use or consumption of alcohol, drugs, or to another medical emergency, may be eligible for mitigation of charges related to violations of organizational policies. To be eligible for this potential mitigation, the chapter will be required to meet in person or by phone with a national staff member or an alumni volunteer designated by the fraternity. A chapter may benefit from this policy more than once, though repeated use of the policy may receive stricter scrutiny.

Alcohol is a factor in the lives of many students. While most understand the importance of drinking responsibly, situations can arise where people become very drunk. Would you know what to do in an alcohol-related emergency?

Call 911 if:

They have cold, clammy or blue skin

They are breathing fewer than 8 times/minute

More than 10 seconds elapse between breaths

You get no reaction to a pinch or to calling their name

- Stay with them; don't just prop them up on their side with a garbage can next to them.
- Don't give them food or aspirin or caffeine; that could increase the risk of vomiting.
- Giving them caffeine will only result in a wide-awake, agitated drunk person.
- Don't put them in a cold shower. The shock may cause them to pass out, resulting in injury.
- Don't force them to exercise to burn off the alcohol, this could also cause injuries.
- Utilize the support of others.
- Don't be a bystander.

Know that time is the only thing that will sober the person up. And if you are afraid of getting into trouble for drinking, think of how much more trouble it will be if the person dies.