

JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY
Manual of Policies and Procedures

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SUBJECT: Disciplinary Medical Amnesty Policy

APPROVED: John M. Beehler, President

POLICY

The health, safety, and well-being of students is the top priority of Jacksonville State University. In an effort to encourage students to always report a medical emergency due to alcohol or other drugs consumption, Jacksonville State University has a Disciplinary Medical Amnesty Policy. The Dean of Students Office recognizes that fear of facing disciplinary action may deter students from calling for help in a medical emergency; however, this policy offers amnesty from disciplinary charges to ensure students receive emergency intervention, if needed. This policy may also be known as a Good Samaritan policy and is maintained through the Dean of Students Office by the disciplinary process designee.

During a health or safety medical emergency, students are expected to call appropriate officials where an individual may have ingested alcohol or other drugs that could result in severe impairment, overdose, physical injury, unwanted sexual contact, or death. To ensure a student meets the expectations they must do the following:

1. Call 911, or on-campus 256-782-5050, to report the emergency.
2. Remain with the individual needing treatment and cooperate with emergency officials, so long as it is safe to do so.
3. Meet with appropriate University officials after the incident and cooperate with any University investigation that may ensue.

If a student executes these expectations, they may be subject to disciplinary amnesty for policies as it relates to alcohol and drugs; meaning a formal disciplinary process may be deferred or dismissed concerning charges related to alcohol or illegal drug use. However, the incident will be documented, and students are still expected to cooperate with the Dean of Students office, or designee, to complete any recommended educational or developmental interventions.

This amnesty may be applicable to the individual(s) who are directly involved in the effort to seek medical assistance or the individual in direct need of medical assistance. This amnesty does not apply to any situation where a campus official or employee initiates the response for medical assistance or where the reporting student does not stay until assistance arrives.

Disciplinary Medical Amnesty Policy applies specifically to Jacksonville State University's conduct and disciplinary policies and has no influence over criminal or police action or authority. This policy does not protect repeated, flagrant, or serious violations of the Code of Student Conduct, such as: physical or sexual assault, violence, hazing, harassment, theft or instances where multiple individuals need medical assistance. The decision for amnesty to apply to individuals or circumstances will be determined by the disciplinary process designee from the Dean of Students office and is assigned on a case by case basis.

A failure to seek medical assistance for a member of our community who may be in need may have serious and lasting consequences for that individual. Disciplinary action and sanctioning will be severe for any student and/or student organization who interfere with an individual's attempt or ability to take responsible action or any student or student organization who knowingly does not take action to seek medical attention.

For questions or concerns regarding this policy, please contact the Office of Community Standards & Student Ethics

RESPONSIBILITY

The Vice President for Student Affairs is responsible for this policy.

EVALUATION

This policy will be reviewed every five (5) years by the Vice President for Student Affairs.