

Good Samaritan Guideline:

In order to ensure that students receive prompt and appropriate attention for alcohol and drug intoxication, and to ensure there are no impediments to seeking such assistance; Washington State University has instituted a “Good Samaritan” guideline.

This guideline states that when a student voluntarily summons professional assistance from local police, medical professionals, university staff members, and/or resident advisors for alcohol intoxication or a drug-related medical event, the Office of Student Conduct will refrain from imposing formal discipline for alcohol or drug use and possession under the Standards of Conduct for Students, on either the reporting student or the intoxicated individual. This guideline provides no relief from disciplinary action for hazing, sexual assault, physical abuse, theft, arson, malicious mischief, disorderly conduct, firearms or dangerous weapons, drug manufacture or distribution (dealing), acts of hate or bias, or any conduct violation other than drug or alcohol use. This guideline also does not provide immunity from civil lawsuits, criminal charges, or any consequences other than disciplinary action under the Standards of Conduct for Students, which may result from any misconduct.

Students and student organizations are expected to summon immediate emergency care for students, members, or guests who are in need of such care and failure to do so may, in certain cases, result in discipline under WAC 504-26-224, Reckless endangerment. Students and student groups who receive the benefit of the Good Samaritan guideline and who summoned or received assistance must participate in alcohol/drug abuse counseling or education designed to reduce the potential of future harm. Failure to participate in such counseling or education, as directed by the Office of Student Conduct, may result in disciplinary sanctions for the drug/alcohol violation. If the individual who calls for help is doing so on behalf of an organization that is hosting the event, the act of seeking medical help will be considered as a mitigating factor in determining sanctions for alcohol or drug use against the organization.

Washington State University reserves the right to sanction repeat alcohol and drug offenders, including organizations, and to pursue disciplinary action for any violation which, in its sole discretion, the University deems sufficiently serious to warrant such action.

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