

FAQ'S

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE MEDICAL AMNESTY POLICY?

A Medical Amnesty Policy benefits our campus by encouraging students to make responsible decisions in seeking medical attention in serious or life-threatening situations that result from alcohol and/or other drug abuse and in any situation where medical treatment is reasonably believed to be appropriate. This policy seeks to diminish fear of disciplinary and conduct sanctions in such situations and to encourage individuals and organizations to seek needed medical attention for students in distress from alcohol and drug use.

HOW DOES THE MEDICAL AMNESTY POLICY WORK?

In serious or life-threatening situations, particularly where alcohol poisoning or drug overdose is suspected or where another medical treatment is reasonably believed to be appropriate, students are asked to take the following steps:

- Call 911
- Stay with the person needing assistance until help arrives.
- Be prepared to give the emergency medical personnel as much information as possible including the amount and type of alcohol or substances consumed.

If a student is heavily intoxicated or is incapacitated, letting that person "sleep it off" or having a friend "look after" that person is not a reasonable alternative to getting the person the necessary medical help.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I AM THE STUDENT WHO NEEDED HELP?

The student needing medical assistance will be required to meet with a health educator or designee in lieu of disciplinary sanctions and the following may occur:

- An educational meeting/training
- Responsibility for costs associated with hospital transportation, treatment, assessment, or damage
- Parental or emergency contact notification

When the student seeking Medical Amnesty complies with all directives, there will be no disciplinary action taken related to a violation of possession or consumption of alcohol or drugs.

WILL MY PARENTS FIND OUT?

Typically, parents are notified if the student needed medical assistance as a result of alcohol or other drug consumption. If a registered student is transported to an emergency medical treatment center for alcohol or drug use, the student's parents or guardians may be notified by the Dean of Students or a Housing and Residential Life

staff member if necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other individuals.

DOES THE MEDICAL AMNESTY POLICY PROTECT STUDENTS FROM POLICE OR LEGAL ACTIONS?

No. The Medical Amnesty Policy only applies to CSULB's Student Code of Conduct, Housing and Residential Life Housing policies, and CSULB Fraternity and Sorority policies. Medical Amnesty does not preclude disciplinary sanctions due to any other violation of the Student Code of Conduct. Other such violations include, but are not limited to, assault, property damage, or distribution of illicit substances. Additionally, the Policy does not prevent action by police, other law enforcement personnel, or other third parties.

WILL INCIDENTS INVOLVING THE MEDICAL AMNESTY POLICY BE ON MY ACADEMIC OR DISCIPLINARY RECORD?

No. Medical Amnesty Policy incidents will not be entered on the student's official academic record and will not be listed as a disciplinary record.

WHAT DOES THE MEDICAL AMNESTY POLICY NOT APPLY TO?

Medical Amnesty does not apply to other prohibited behavior (including but not limited to: the distribution of illegal substances; harassment; physical misconduct; sexual misconduct; and hazing).

Medical Amnesty is not intended to shield students or organizations in cases of extreme, flagrant, and repeated incidents. In cases where extreme, flagrant, or repeated violations of the Student Code of Conduct occur, the University reserves the right to take disciplinary action on a case-by-case basis regardless of the manner in which the incident was reported. In each case, the AVP/Dean of Students or designee of the Vice President for Student Affairs will make the final determination as to the applicability of this provision.

IS THERE A LIMIT TO THE NUMBER OF TIMES THE MEDICAL AMNESTY POLICY CAN BE USED?

No. Students are always encouraged to look after their friends and peers, and are encouraged to take responsible actions anytime they are necessary.