

## Medical Amnesty

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In cases of alcohol and/or drug emergency, the primary concern is the health and safety of the individual(s) involved. Nichols College supports an environment that encourages students to help others who need assistance. Students are strongly encouraged to call for medical assistance (508-213-2298) for themselves or for another student who they observe to be or feel is dangerously intoxicated/under the influence of drugs. This policy encourages students to take responsible action when another student is at risk due to the consumption of alcohol and/or drugs.

*Note: If a student calls on behalf of another student the reporting student is required to remain with the student experiencing the emergency until medical assistance arrives.*

Reporting students involved and the student requiring medical attention for an alcohol or drug related emergency will not be referred to the Office of Community Standards and will not face Student Code of Conduct violations for possession and/ or consumption of drug/alcohol. This policy only applies to students who directly seek emergency medical assistance.

The student requiring medical assistance will have a confidential check-in meeting with the Dean of Students or designee. As long as the student(s) comply with all directives, there will be no charges brought forth related to the violation of possession or consumption of alcohol/drugs.

The Medical Amnesty Policy is not intended to shield or protect those students who repeatedly violate the Student Code of Conduct. When repeated instances of drug or alcohol emergencies occur, the College reserves the right to charge a student(s) on a case-by-case basis regardless of the manner in which the incident was reported. Medical Amnesty applies only to alcohol or drug-related emergencies but does not apply to other Student Code of Conduct Violations such as but not limited to assault, property damage, or distribution of substances. If other violations occur, then a student(s)/organization will face charges for the Student Code of Conduct violations. The use or abuse of alcohol or drugs is not considered a mitigating circumstance for any other violations of the Student Code of Conduct.