

Medical Amnesty

The University of Pittsburgh's primary concern is for the health, safety, and well-being of Students. Failure to summon, or limiting the ability of someone else to summon, emergency assistance for a Student experiencing an emergency due to alcohol or drug use, may result in University and/or criminal charges. As a result, all Students are expected to seek immediate assistance for themselves or others in situations where someone is experiencing an emergency due to alcohol or other drug use.

Scope:

1. **Medical Amnesty applies when the allegations under the Code of Conduct involve** consumption or possession of alcohol or other drugs or knowingly present violations related to consumption or possession of alcohol or other drugs.
2. **Medical Amnesty eliminates responsibility for Code violations outlined above for the** caller and the individual experiencing the medical emergency.
3. **Medical Amnesty mitigates University conduct consequences for** student organizations that call for emergency assistance.

Medical Amnesty does not prevent disciplinary action for other violations of the *Code*, **including, but not limited to fake identification**, causing or threatening physical harm, sexual misconduct, damage to property, unlawful distribution of alcohol or other drugs, harassment, or hazing.

Medical Amnesty Process

In order for Medical Amnesty to apply, the caller must complete the following steps:

1. Contact appropriate University or emergency officials, identify yourself and report the incident.
2. Remain with the individual(s) needing assistance until emergency officials arrive.
3. Cooperate with University and emergency officials as requested.

After complying with these steps, both the caller and the individual who experienced the medical emergency, must meet with University officials, complete all assigned programs or interventions within the designated time frame and notify the Office of Student Conduct that all steps have been completed. Medical Amnesty may not fully apply until verification of completion has taken place.

Even when medical amnesty applies, the University and/or the student may need to disclose information regarding the application of medical amnesty, including but not limited to study abroad programs, potential employers, professional governing bodies (ex. Bars or Medical Boards), or another university through an admissions process. While the main goal of Medical Amnesty is to encourage Students to make healthy decisions and to seek medical attention when they or one of their peers are in distress, Repeated requests for Medical Amnesty will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

Application of Medical Amnesty by the University does not prevent criminal action by police or civil action by third parties, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania drug and alcohol Good Samaritan and Response Immunity laws may be applicable.