

Student Policy Responsible Action Policy

Millersville University holds the safety, security, and well-being of its students as one of its highest priorities. The University prides itself on offering all of the benefits of a public institution while preserving a caring, individualized community. Millersville University recognizes that a student's concern for potential disciplinary action while under the influence of alcohol and/or other substances may hinder his/her actions in response to seeking assistance in certain emergency situations and/or reporting incidents.

It is imperative that medical attention be sought should concerns arise for one's own safety or the safety of others. This policy is intended to increase the reporting of incidents requiring emergency assistance during a life-threatening or alcohol related illness and will in turn result in increased safety for students and the campus community.

Policy:

As such, medical amnesty is in effect to ensure those students who seek assistance for another individual who may have consumed excessive alcohol will turn to the appropriate personnel to seek emergency medical assistance without fear of being cited by the police for 18 PACSA § 6308 and/or facing University charges for violation of Student Code of Conduct, V.2.A. Alcohol if:

1. The only way law enforcement officers or University officials became aware of the person's violation of the Student Code of Conduct is because the person placed a 911 call, or a call to campus safety, police or emergency services, in good faith, based on a reasonable belief and reported that another person was in need of immediate medical attention to prevent death or serious injury.
2. The person reasonably believed he/she was the first person to make a 911 call or a call to campus safety, police or emergency services, and report that a person needed immediate medical attention to prevent death or serious injury.
3. The person provided his/her own name to the 911 operator or equivalent campus safety, police or emergency officer.
4. The person remained with the person needing medical assistance until emergency health care providers arrived and the need for his presence had ended.