

## Good Samaritan Policy

**Objective:** To save lives and acknowledge that student health and welfare are essential.

**Philosophy Statement:** We take pride in the partnership that exists between students and the officials who respond to emergency situations. The health and safety of our students as it relates to critical incidents regarding alcohol use, misuse, and abuse are of paramount concern; especially when the individual is in need of timely medical assistance. Students must never hesitate to contact authorities when they suspect they themselves, another student, or a non-student is in need of urgent medical care stemming from intoxication because they are concerned that the incident may lead to disciplinary actions for themselves or others. Emergency, 911. Department of Public Safety, X6666

### Some Examples:

- A student is apprehensive to call for help because he/she has consumed enough alcohol (or other drugs) to be considered to be in an intoxicated state in violation of laws and/or campus rules.
- A student is reluctant to call for help for another student who is unconscious, unresponsive, or violently vomiting due to intoxication.
- A student is hosting a social gathering where alcohol was available. An attendee at the gathering is intoxicated and in need of medical attention.
- A student is attending a social gathering where alcohol was available. A person is intoxicated and in need of medical attention.
- An intoxicated student has been “put to bed” by a peer fearing that calling for help will involve disciplinary actions and/or parental notification.

### Protocol:

- The Good Samaritan Policy applies to students who seek medical attention for themselves or students seeking help for another intoxicated individual.
- The Good Samaritan Policy will apply should the responding officials deem it necessary or unnecessary for the individual to be transported to the hospital. Medical attention also includes an assessment by first-responders.
- Other violations of the Code of Conduct documented, including but not limited to: the threat of harm to self/others, damage to College property, violations of the College Hazing Policy or sexual victimization may be referred to Judicial Affairs for review and possible judicial action or action through the Center for Health and Counseling Services. In other words, other conduct violations associated with the incident may NOT be granted amnesty.
- Information concerning those who receive medical attention and/or are transported to the hospital will be recorded by the responding College officials as is always the case. In other words, there will never be an incident that transpires “off the record.”
- The Good Samaritan Policy exists so that students will do the right thing and seek medical attention for themselves or others without the fear of judicial outcomes. The incident does not become recorded on the student’s official disciplinary record in Judicial Affairs. A record will exist in Judicial Affairs that the incident transpired, but is not normally reportable to outside employers, agencies, or noted on a transcript. The record exists to track the student’s behavior should there be another incident of a similar nature. **Please note: some background checks for local, State, and/or Federal levels of employment require the full disclosure and release of all student records.**

- College officials will use the protocols in place for emergency contacts should a student be hospitalized or if it is deemed by officials to be a dangerous or potentially dangerous condition or circumstance. In other words, the student's emergency contact person will most likely be called.
- The student may be Interim Suspended from the College or Residence Areas at the time of the incident and be required to appear before the Vice President for Student Affairs (or designee) before they are reinstated as a student at the College. Interim Suspensions, in and of themselves, are not part of a student's disciplinary record.
- **The College reserves the right to review each occurrence on a case by case basis.**

**Full Amnesty:** Violations of the Ramapo College Code of Conduct that fall under this policy will not be referred to Judicial Affairs for formal action. The student(s) involved will be asked to meet with the Director of Judicial Affairs to discuss the incident and the Code of Conduct. The Director may make recommendations to the student(s) that includes education and/or intervention through the Center for Health and Counseling Services. In cases where the student is hospitalized, an alcohol assessment with the Center for Health and Counseling Services will be strongly encouraged and the student may expect a counselor to follow up with him/her depending on the results of the assessment.

***Provisions:** This policy is in place to provide help and support for the health of our College students in isolated situations. It does not excuse or protect those who repeatedly violate College policy. In most cases, the Good Samaritan Policy will be applied once - either to the intoxicated student, those that have served alcohol, or those attending social gatherings. In other words, repeat offenders may have their cases referred to Judicial Affairs for a formal disciplinary review.*

*Whether or not a case qualifies for amnesty is the decision of the Director of Judicial Affairs (or designee) after a full review has been conducted. Responding officials will use standard protocols for documenting information and collecting identification. All students are expected to comply and provide identification. Students should not assume amnesty at the time of the incident.*