



BOSTON COLLEGE

Seeking Help for Alcohol and Drug Related Medical Emergencies Policy

Office of the Dean of Students

The health and safety of Boston College students is of paramount concern. As a result, all students are expected and encouraged to seek immediate assistance for themselves or others in situations where help is needed due to intoxication or drug ingestion.

Boston College will support and encourage this help-seeking behavior by treating the situation as a health and safety matter, rather than a conduct matter, when students contact emergency responders or university officials (e.g., Resident Assistant, Boston College Police) for assistance. Additionally, anyone who seeks help or calls for help on behalf of another student may not be subject to action through the conduct system.

- Students who seek and receive medical attention in such situations will be required to complete certain educational and/or counseling interventions and will also be subject to all fees related to their medical care. Failure to complete these referrals would be treated as a conduct matter.
- Students who demonstrate consistent and repeated patterns of alcohol and drug related medical emergencies may require further medical review and/or treatment, and may be subject to disciplinary action.

Regardless of help-seeking behavior, students may be held accountable for misconduct accompanying or incidental to the use and/or abuse of alcohol or other substances. For example, disorderly behavior, violence, property damage, or distribution or intent to distribute may be treated as conduct violations and responded to accordingly.

For immediate medical assistance, contact the BC Police at (617) 552-4444.