



MEDICAL AMNESTY

The Division of Student Affairs recognizes that the potential for disciplinary action by the Dean of Students Office may act as a barrier to students seeking medical assistance for themselves or other students in alcohol or other drug-related emergencies; therefore, the Division of Student Affairs maintains a medical amnesty protocol. In these incidents, the primary concern is the well-being, health, and safety of students.

Students needing medical assistance during an alcohol or other drug-related emergency will not face formal conduct action by the Dean of Students Office for the mere possession or use of alcohol or drugs. The recipients of medical attention will avoid formal conduct action through the nonacademic conduct process if they participate in an honest and forthright meeting with a representative from the Dean of Students Office within five business days of the incident and comply with any recommendations prescribed by the office. (The Dean of Students or his/her designee may extend the five business day requirement as necessary.)

Additionally, any student(s) or a student organization seeking medical assistance for another person during an alcohol or other drug-related emergency will not face formal conduct action by the Dean of Students Office for the mere possession or use of alcohol or drugs. In order to acquire medical amnesty, these individuals or representatives from organizations may need to participate in an honest and forthright meeting with a representative from the Dean of Students Office within five business days of the incident and comply with any recommendations prescribed by the office.

Medical amnesty applies only to alcohol or other drug-related medical emergencies and does not apply to other prohibited conduct such as assault, property damage or distribution of illicit substances.

WHAT DOES MEDICAL AMNESTY MEAN FOR ME?

Medical amnesty is meant to ensure and protect the health and well-being of students at Oklahoma City University by allowing them to receive necessary medical attention in an alcohol- or drug-related emergency without having a conduct case brought forth.

In order to qualify for medical amnesty, the student must obtain medical attention at the time of the incident and must meet with a representative from the Dean of Students Office within five business days of the incident and agree to comply with the conditions set forth by the representative. If these conditions are met, there will be no conduct case and the incident will not become part of the student's record.

If the student does not follow these stipulations, he or she does not qualify for medical amnesty and is subject to the conduct process as provided by the [OCU Student Code of Conduct](#).

It is the expectation of the Dean of Students Office that a student may use the medical amnesty policy only once; it is an opportunity for a student to learn from a mistake and avoid such mistakes in the future. Therefore, after the first incident, the availability of medical amnesty to the student is at the

discretion of the Dean of Students Office.

Medical amnesty may also apply to any student(s) or student organization(s) who help the student in need to receive medical attention. This will allow students who may also have been drinking to care for their friends without worry of facing a potential judicial process for themselves. Students and organizations that assist those in need may also have to meet certain conditions for medical amnesty, but they will not be charged under the Student Code of Conduct.

Students and organizations that help others seek medical assistance are not limited to one use of the medical amnesty policy, as they should always feel empowered to help those in need.

Questions about the medical amnesty policy should be directed to Dr. Amy Ayres, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students or Lesley Black, Associate Dean of Students at 405-208-7900.