Summary/Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to define and describe “Safety and Well-Being amnesty” for potential alcohol, drug, hazing, and/or other policy violations. The policy seeks to encourage individuals and student organizations to seek the necessary proactive attention for community members who have over consumed alcohol or drugs, and/or who have engaged in or been subject to hazing behavior or other forms of misconduct which might jeopardize student safety. Similarly, if a student or student organization seeks assistance for an individual following an accident, assault, sexual assault, or incidence of interpersonal violence, the individual seeking assistance will not be subject to disciplinary action for the use of alcohol or drugs. The purpose of the Safety and Well-Being Amnesty policy is to ensure that concerns or fear of disciplinary and conduct sanctions do not deter students from seeking medical or other proactive assistance when the circumstances warrant. The University will decide on a case-by-case basis whether a student is entitled to amnesty from charges and sanctions of the Office of Conflict Resolution and Student Conduct.

Under the Safety and Well-Being Amnesty policy, students or student organizations who seek proactive assistance on behalf of themselves or others experiencing an alcohol or drug related emergency will not be subject to disciplinary action under University Conduct Rules and Regulations. Although students who qualify for amnesty are exempt from the charges and sanctions from the Office of Conflict Resolution and Student Conduct, they may still be responsible for completing educational measures in relation to their alcohol or drug consumption, and/or hazing or other unsafe behavior. Educational measures may include, but are not limited to: parental notification if under the age of 21 for alcohol or drug violations, alcohol, drug, or hazing prevention education, or other supportive opportunities. Students who qualify for amnesty will still be required to meet with a University official.

However, when the call for emergency assistance is made by University employees acting within the scope of their responsibilities, amnesty is not available. In addition, law enforcement agencies may act within their own jurisdictions in enforcing local, state, and federal laws.