



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 encouraged and encouraged to seek immediate assistance for themselves, use of emergency resources, 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.

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 a student is involved in a medical emergency, the student will be treated as a medical emergency, and the student will be referred to the appropriate medical professionals for care. The student 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 interventions will result in disciplinary action.

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, substance use may be incidentally or associated with 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.