



HOBART AND WILLIAM SMITH
COLLEGES

Division of Campus Life

Medical Amnesty Policy

The health and safety of every HWS student is of the utmost importance. The Colleges recognize that when alcohol or other drugs are used or abused, students may be hesitant to report such incidents or seek medical assistance due to fear of potential consequences for their own conduct or the conduct of others. The Colleges strongly encourage students to immediately seek medical assistance for students or individuals.

In situations where students call for help for themselves, or a student (or group of students or organization) seeks assistance for another student and individuals (or group), the student who needs assistance and individuals seeking assistance (for themselves or others) will not be subject to the Colleges' disciplinary actions for violations of alcohol and/or drug use policies based on ingestion occurring at or near the time of the incident. The Director of Community Values and Conflict Resolution or their designee may decide whether amnesty applies to other violations of the Community Standards on a case-by-case basis.

The student being transported and granted amnesty is expected to complete an assessment and, if compliant, will not be found responsible for violating the Community Standards or receive social probation or other sanctions. The specific assessment requirements are at the discretion of the Director of Community Values and Conflict Resolution or their designee. However, repeated calls for medical assistance due to intoxication may result in disciplinary actions. Supporting students toward being successful, we may notify parents when medical attention is necessary. This is part of our collaboration with the student, parents and necessary support services on campus and beyond.

For drug and alcohol violation amnesty in situations involving Sexual or Gender-based Harassment, Sexual Assault, Sexual Exploitation, Intimate Partner Violence, Physical Assault, Stalking, or Retaliation, please see the Colleges Amnesty Policy in the Title IX and Sexual Misconduct Policy.

If you have additional questions, please reach out to Joshua Bishop, Director of Community Values and Conflict Resolution at bishop@hws.edu.