

Medical Amnesty

Wake Forest is committed to the safety and welfare of our students. Wake Forest wants to facilitate access and remove barriers to students seeking medical assistance for alcohol and/or drug related emergencies. Wake Forest expects students to seek immediate medical assistance (e.g. call Student EMTs, 336.758.5911, call the police 911, get their Residential Adviser) when they are concerned about their own health or that of another student. The Medical Amnesty Policy tries to ensure that intoxicated students receive 1) immediate medical assistance and 2) follow-up interventions to reduce the likelihood of future occurrences.

Wake Forest's policy is applicable to the:

1. student in need of medical attention, and
2. student/students seeking medical attention on behalf of another person.

Students receive Medical Amnesty when it is determined that they sought emergency medical attention for themselves or medical assistance was sought for them related to the consumption of alcohol. If Medical Amnesty applies, the student will not be charged with alcohol violations by the Dean of Students or his/her designee, provided that they comply with the following conditions:

1. The student completes an assessment by the Substance Abuse Prevention Coordinator.
2. The student complies with all recommendations for further assessment and treatment by an established deadline. For most first-time incidents, a BASICS type program (Brief Alcohol Screening and Intervention for College Students) will be used.

The student seeking medical attention on behalf of another person will not receive disciplinary actions for seeking help. However, depending on their involvement, they may be required to meet with the substance abuse prevention coordinator and follow through with recommendations.

Failure to comply with either emergency medical treatment (including refusal to follow the recommendations of campus EMT personnel, Student Health Service personnel, University Police, and/or Forsyth County EMS personnel concerning transportation to the Student Health Service or one of the local emergency rooms) or follow-up interventions disqualifies a person from the Medical Amnesty Policy and the student will be referred back to the Dean of Students (refer to Alcohol Violations).

Please note that this policy does not protect those students who repeatedly or flagrantly violate the Student Code of Conduct. If a student received Medical Amnesty for a prior incident or has prior alcohol misuse sanctions, the availability of amnesty is at the discretion of the Office of the Dean of Students.

If other infractions are concurrent to the incident including, but not limited to, destruction of property, possession/distribution of illicit substances, or physical or sexual assault, the accused student may be subject to University action.