

Good Samaritan/Medical Amnesty Policy

Every Methodist University student is expected to exercise personal responsibility for their own health and safety, and every Methodist student has a responsibility to care for one another; therefore, this policy has been designed to save lives, and also applies to individual students who seek help for another student in need. This will allow students who may also be under the influence of alcohol, drugs or other substances to care for each other without worry of being charged with a violation of the *Methodist University Code of Conduct* themselves.

Students who seek assistance for an alcohol or drug related medical emergency will not be charged with an alcohol or illegal substances violation of the *Methodist University Code of Conduct*. In order to use this Good Samaritan policy, a student must seek medical assistance for other students or oneself, participate in a meeting with the Dean of Students or designee and agree to comply with the conditions set by the Dean of Students or designee. If the conditions are met, the incident will not become part of the student's conduct record. However, students must meet with a Student Affairs staff member to determine if a counseling evaluation will be required. If the conditions are not met, the student's case will then go through the hearing process and the case will become a part of their conduct record.

This protection only applies to the Methodist University alcohol and drug policies. If other alleged violations are associated with the incident, then disciplinary action may be pursued through the Dean of Students Office.

When a person's health and/or safety is threatened or appears to be at risk from alcohol or drug consumption, the best course of action is to:

- Call 911;
- Call the Methodist University Public Safety Department at (910) 630-7577
- You may also seek assistance from a resident assistant (RA) and/or the residential coordinator (RC); or
- Cape Fear Valley Medical Center Emergency Room, 1638 Owen Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28304, (910) 615-8000