

Community Standards Amnesty Statement

At Southern Oregon University, we encourage students to be an upstanding community member by calling University officials and/or medical professionals for medical assistance for themselves or for others. In situations when a person is in need of assistance in a professional, personal, or safety capacity when a persons' physical and/or psychological safety is seriously compromised, SOU encourages all students to not hesitate to seek help. At a minimum, SOU expects that a student or student organization would make an anonymous report that would put the student in need in touch with professional assistance immediately.

Typically, students who seek medical treatment when they or others are under the influence of drugs or alcohol will not be subject to University discipline for violations pertaining to drug or alcohol possession/use as outlined in the Code of Student Conduct. Amnesty may be granted to both the intoxicated student and to the student seeking medical assistance for the intoxicated student, under the following conditions:

1. The person who called for assistance remains at the scene with the intoxicated student until assistance arrives and to cooperate with medical and law enforcement personnel.
2. Any involved parties (including the reporting student) will be required to meet with the Office of the Dean of Students to provide a detailed statement of the incident.
3. Involved students may be required to participate in an educational program related to drugs or alcohol. Failure to participate in a required educational program may result in charges under the SOU Student Code of Conduct.
4. Medical Amnesty does not apply to disciplinary action relating to any other code violation including, but not limited to, assault, property damage, equity grievance, any sexual act, or prohibited distribution of substances.