

UK AMNESTY POLICY

DEFINITION

Students who seek emergency assistance on behalf of persons experiencing drug or alcohol-related emergencies, as well as the student experiencing the emergency, may not be charged or receive restorative actions for violations of drug or alcohol-related policies in the Code of Student Conduct.

Students granted amnesty may be required to meet with The Office of Student Conduct (OSC) and complete all educational interventions, counseling, or treatment deemed necessary by OSC. Amnesty may be granted to a Student Organization (SO) if the SO seeks assistance for a student.

Amnesty will not be granted for other policy violations that may have occurred during the incident (possession, distribution, arson, theft, etc.).

Amnesty does not apply to a student and/or SO who supplied or otherwise made available the alcohol (if the student who needs assistance is under 21 years of age) or other drug to the student needing medical assistance or if the incident results in serious injury or death. The student experiencing the medical emergency may still qualify for amnesty.

AMNESTY IS CONSIDERED WHEN...

ONE PERSON CALLS FOR ANOTHER

This may be a Resident Assistant (RA), another student, or a guest of a student.

This person is only additionally eligible for amnesty if they complete the following 3 responsible actions:

1. Call 911 or UKPD
2. Stay with the individual needing assistance until emergency services arrive
3. Cooperate with university and law enforcement as well as emergency officials.

Help seeking behavior is encouraged by students assisting other students.

EMS RESPONDS

If EMS is contacted by the student or by UKPD, the student that EMS evaluates for a drug or alcohol related emergency is eligible for amnesty.

This is a possibility regardless of if the student goes to the hospital or not.

A STUDENT IS TRANSPORTED

If a student is transported to the hospital for an emergency related to drug or alcohol intoxication they may be granted amnesty.

The student should be either transported by EMS or with a directive from EMS.

EMS or UKPD MUST be called for a student to be eligible to receive amnesty.

WHEN A CASE IS CONSIDERED FOR AMNESTY, WHAT HAPPENS?

FOR A BYSTANDER

Depending on the involvement the OSC may meet with a bystander to gather more information about the incident. Other times, OSC may send a Bystander Resource Letter to the bystander thanking them for their service and providing them with resources.

FOR A STUDENT IN MEDICAL NEED

OSC will determine if the student is eligible to be offered amnesty. If the student is able to be offered amnesty, OSC will invite the student in for a meeting. This meeting will be to discuss what happened to lead to the medical emergency and an Educational Intervention Plan will be made alongside the student to help mitigate the likelihood of an emergency of this nature occurring again.

KEY POINTS

- Amnesty only applies to medical-related emergencies around alcohol, drug, or other substance use.
- Full Amnesty consideration is decided by the Dean of Students or the Office of Student Conduct.
- The above examples are when amnesty may be considered - it is not guaranteed that amnesty will apply to each of those examples.
- Help seeking behaviors are encouraged - students who actively look to get help for others with a medical emergency related to alcohol/drugs can be eligible for amnesty as well.