

Amnesty Policy for Alcohol or Other Drug-Related Emergencies

NJIT recognizes that a student may be deterred from requesting assistance for themselves or others in the event of an alcohol or other drug-related medical or safety emergency out of concern that the student may become subject to disciplinary action under the Code of Student Conduct. As NJIT considers the safety and well-being of its student body to be a priority, this Amnesty Policy is designed to support students to obtain professional medical treatment for themselves or others when dangerously intoxicated or impaired without the threat of disciplinary action in certain circumstances.

To be eligible for amnesty, a student must contact the Department of Public Safety, Residence Life staff or 9-1-1 for assistance for the intoxicated/impaired individual (including oneself). Additionally, it is expected that the reporting student will remain with the intoxicated/impaired individual and provide any information to the first responders concerning the intoxicated/impaired individual's consumption of alcohol or other drugs. In the event amnesty is granted, neither the intoxicated/impaired student nor the student reporting the emergency will be subject to formal disciplinary action under the Code of Student Conduct as it relates to the consumption or possession of alcohol or other drugs. Amnesty does not extend to other violations that may have occurred, such as physical abuse, conduct that threatens safety, verbal or physical harassment, disorderly conduct, or property damage. Accordingly, NJIT retains the ability to pursue disciplinary action for conduct not related to consumption or possession of alcohol or other drugs. Additionally, NJIT must reserve the right to proceed with formal disciplinary action under the Code of Student Conduct if NJIT determines the conduct to be egregious.

Amnesty may also be extended to a student who reports sexual misconduct where such circumstances may have involved the consumption or possession of alcohol or other drugs. Thus, if amnesty is extended, a student will not be subject to formal disciplinary action under the Code of Student Conduct for violations of alcohol and other drug policies occurring at the time of the alleged sexual misconduct.

A student who is eligible for amnesty must meet with the Dean of Students and Campus Life or their designee and complete any educational programs or other requirements but will not face any formal disciplinary action under the Code of Student Conduct once all requirements are satisfied. If the requirements are not satisfied, the student may be subject to formal disciplinary action. The amnesty provided under this policy is not intended to protect those who repeatedly violate the Code of Student Conduct, and the Office of the Dean of Students reserves the right to take formal disciplinary action for subsequent violations related to alcohol or other drug intoxications or impairments.