

Appendix B

Good Samaritan Policy

(Applicable ONLY to Alcohol and Drug related incidents)

Student health and safety are primary concerns of the Rensselaer community. It is imperative that someone call for medical assistance when an individual experiences alcohol intoxication, drug overdose, or serious injury after consuming alcohol or other drugs. In general, people may be reluctant to seek emergency or medical attention for fear of judicial consequences for themselves, the person in need of assistance, and/or the organization hosting the event where the situation occurs.

Since these situations are potentially life threatening, Rensselaer seeks to reduce barriers to seeking assistance. Therefore, the Good Samaritan Policy has been developed.

The Good Samaritan Policy is part of Rensselaer's approach to reducing harmful consequences caused by the consumption of alcohol and other drugs. The Good Samaritan Policy is the Institute's commitment to increase the likelihood that community members will call for assistance when faced with an alcohol or drug-related emergency.

An **individual** who receives emergency assistance and/or medical treatment due to alcohol or drug consumption and completes an alcohol and other drugs assessment, education activities and/or treatment as assigned through the Rensselaer Student Health Center will not be subject to judicial action.

A **person who calls** for emergency assistance and/or medical treatment due to alcohol or drug consumption on behalf of another person will not be subject to judicial action, but may be required to attend an alcohol and other drugs education program if deemed necessary by the Rensselaer Student Health Center.

A **representative of an organization** hosting an event is expected to promptly call for emergency assistance and/or medical attention due to consumption of alcohol or other drugs. This act of responsibility will mitigate the judicial consequences against the organization resulting from violations of the Grounds for Disciplinary Action at the time of the incident. The organization's membership may be required to attend an alcohol and other drugs education program if deemed necessary by the Rensselaer Student Health Center. *However, failure to call for emergency assistance and/or medical treatment will be considered an "intolerable circumstance" affecting judicial sanctions against the organization if violations of Grounds for Disciplinary Action have occurred.*

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Signature

Effective Date