

SECTION: 5. Students

SUBJECT: Student Medical Amnesty Policy

Background: Student welfare is a primary concern at Lewis-Clark State College (LC State). All students are responsible for seeking medical assistance for fellow students when lives may be in danger due to alcohol, intoxication, hazing, or other circumstances.

Point of Contact: Sr. Vice President/Vice President for Student Affairs

Other LC State offices directly involved with implementation of this policy, or significantly affected by the policy: Public Safety, Residence Life, Student Counseling, Title IX, Human Resource Services

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Summary of Major Changes incorporated in this revision to the policy: Minor formatting updates and added language about hazing.

PURPOSE:

Alcohol and drug overdose can cause serious and life-threatening medical emergencies. LC State students may encounter these types of emergencies while at LC State. Likewise, students may witness acts of hazing that may or may not include alcohol or drugs. Due to fear of the consequences, students are often afraid to seek emergency assistance for fellow students in trouble or are afraid to report acts of hazing. To encourage students to seek emergency care and report these activities to campus officials, LC State has implemented the Student Medical Amnesty Policy.

POLICY:

1. Student medical amnesty means students may avoid formal discipline under the LC State Student Code of Conduct for alcohol or drug related violations for seeking medical assistance in an emergency situation, as well as for the student with the emergency. This provision also extends to act of hazing when a student has witnessed a hazing event but has not been a direct participant.
 - A. This policy provides amnesty for possession and consumption of alcohol or drugs by a minor, unauthorized possession of alcohol or drugs on campus, intoxication, or affiliation with a group or individuals who are committing acts of hazing.
 - B. This policy also may apply in instances when students report sex-based discrimination, sexual harassment, and sexual misconduct involving students. Students who report information about sex-based discrimination, sexual harassment, or sexual misconduct involving other students will also follow the same guidelines as the amnesty policy on drug or alcohol possession or consumption in which they might have engaged in connection with the reported incident.

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- C. Amnesty may be granted to an LC State student by the Vice President for Student Affairs for initiating emergency assistance and filing a report to Public Safety or other campus official.
 - 1) Following the emergency, students involved will meet with the Vice President for Student Affairs to determine amnesty.
 - 2) Students granted amnesty may be referred for counseling following the meeting with the Vice President for Student Affairs based on the nature and severity of the emergency situation in which the student was involved.
- 2. The Student Medical Amnesty policy is for currently enrolled LC State students and does not protect students from federal, state or local laws.