

# Medical Amnesty Policies at Indiana Universities

## Indiana University

### *The Hoosier P.A.C.T. (Proactive Alcohol Care and Treatment) Policy:*

In alcohol and/or other substance related emergencies, Hoosier P.A.C.T. seeks to mitigate deterring consequences for the intoxicated student as well as the student(s) and/or the recognized student organization seeking medical attention on behalf of the intoxicated student. The purpose of P.A.C.T. is not to exonerate students and/or organizations from disciplinary action, rather the P.A.C.T. favors educationally-based, reformation-minded University responses to these frightening incidents. The proposed code will foster a culture in which individuals feel comfortable calling for help on behalf of those in need of assistance, saving Hoosier lives.

Individual: In an alcohol-related and/or substance emergency, a student requiring medical attention will not be subject to disciplinary sanctions if the student successfully completes an educational program under the jurisdiction of the Office of the Dean of Students. Reoccurring offenses will be subject to the discretion of the Office of the Dean of Students.

Caller: An individual seeking emergency assistance on behalf of a student in an alcohol and/or substance related emergency will not be subject to disciplinary sanctions in relation to the incident provided the caller stays with the individual until medical assistance arrives.

## Purdue University

### *Purdue University Regulations, Section 5, Part E, Subsection 4:*

4. The primary concern of Purdue University in all cases, including those cases of intoxication and/or alcohol poisoning, is the health and safety of the individuals involved. Recognizing that the potential application of University disciplinary sanctions[1] could be a factor that deters students from making the responsible decision to seek medical attention for themselves or others in cases of student intoxication and/or alcohol poisoning, the University has instituted the Purdue Community Alcohol-Related Emergency Situation (PurdueCARES) Regulations:

a. In cases of student intoxication and/or alcohol poisoning, the intoxicated student, as well as the student(s) seeking medical attention on the intoxicated student's behalf, will be exempt from University disciplinary sanctions related to alcohol consumption.

## Ball State University

### *Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities, Section 6: Disciplinary Procedures:*

**6.1.3 Good Neighbor Exception** - Students are always encouraged to call for emergency assistance as needed, even at the risk of disciplinary action for one's own conduct. When another person is in need of critical care or when a situation otherwise warrants emergency response, call 911 immediately. The Good Neighbor Exception provides students the opportunity for University disciplinary action to be waived if he/she risked revealing one's own violation of the *Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities* in order to seek medical or other emergency assistance to another person in distress. The decision to provide the exception shall be the judgment of the designated hearing officer. *NOTE: The exception does not apply to any criminal charges that might be incurred as a result of an offense.*