

Good Samaritan Provision – Alcohol Only

The health and safety of members of the Georgia Tech community are the primary concerns of the Institute. We are committed to ensuring that students obtain timely medical assistance for themselves and their peers. To this end, we have instituted a Good Samaritan Provision.

The Georgia Tech Police Department will assist those individuals whose judgment or health is severely affected due to alcohol consumption by facilitating transport to local hospitals or by taking other proactive measures. Students are encouraged to inform Institute or local police, resident life staff, or other Institute staff when assistance is needed.

The Institute has developed the following “Good Samaritan Provision” to support the individual efforts of students acting responsibly, providing a health focused response to the incident rather than a disciplinary consequence. The Good Samaritan Provision only applies to Student(s) and student organizations whose alleged alcohol policy violation is under review by the Office of Student Integrity and/or the Department of Housing. The Student Conduct Administrator or Housing Judicial Administrator will make the determination as to whether or not, based on the totality of the circumstances, the provision can be applied in that incident.

a) If a Student assists another in receiving appropriate assistance from Institute staff or emergency personnel, then that Student, as well as those who are assisted will not be subject to Institute or Housing disciplinary action with respect to the incident. This is the case even if the Student who is assisting has been under the influence of alcohol.

b) The Good Samaritan Provision only applies if the incapacitated or intoxicated Student(s) and/or student organization agree to complete any recommended education and/or treatment, as deemed appropriate by the Office of Student Integrity and/or the Department of Housing. This education or treatment may include seminars, programs, assessments or individual counseling. Additionally, under the Institute’s Parental Notification Policy, the Institute still reserves the right to contact the Student’s parent(s) or guardian(s) related to the incident as deemed necessary.

c) Should the Student or student organization fail to complete any actions outlined by the Office of Student Integrity and/or the Department of Housing, the Institute reserves the right to initiate disciplinary action. Use of the provision will not be disclosed as part of any background or record checks.

d) Serious or repeated incidents will prompt a higher degree of medical concern by the Institute. Failure to complete recommended follow-up education, assessment, and/or treatment may result in disciplinary action and/or a recommendation for a withdrawal from the Institute. Where appropriate under the Institute’s Parental Notification Policy, parents and guardians will be brought into the conversation to formulate a solution. The Good Samaritan Provision does not excuse or protect individuals or student organizations that repeatedly and deliberately violate Institute policy. This provision also does not preclude disciplinary action regarding other violations of Institute policies. This provision only relates to Institute policy (e.g., Student Code of Conduct, Department of Housing) and does not limit the actions of law enforcement or emergency personnel to complete their appointed duties at the time of the alleged violation.

e) An Organization’s actions that violate the regulations of its governing body may be adjudicated by the student organization. This is independent of the Institute process. In situations where an Organization is in violation of the policy of its own governing board as well as Institute policy, independent investigations may occur.