

Good Samaritan

noun. [suh-mar-uh-tuhn]

a person who gratuitously gives help to those in distress.

This **Good Samaritan Policy** is designed to empower students and organizations to seek emergency assistance for dangerously intoxicated individuals. Indeed, the College expects students to have responsibility to one another and to intervene **BEFORE** dangerous levels of intoxication occurs.

Being a true Good Samaritan means that you will **encourage a friend who is drinking too much to STOP drinking** before he/she needs to be hospitalized.

Should you encounter a student who is dangerously intoxicated, please **seek help immediately**.

The **Good Samaritan Policy** exists to ensure the health and welfare of students and to make sure that students do not have to handle these situations alone.

Neither those reporting incidents nor those needing help will be subject to formal disciplinary action; **there is no deterrent to asking for help**.

Follow-up educational assistance will always be provided.

For the complete Policy, refer to the Student Handbook, which is available on the Current Students tab of www.lafayette.edu.

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When to Call?

If you observe a student with any of the following conditions, you **are expected** to get help:

- Vomiting or loss of bodily functions
- Difficulty standing
- Incoherent speech
- Semiconscious or unconscious state
- Irregular, shallow, or slowed breathing (normal breathing is once every 5 seconds)
- Injuries (e.g. fell and hit head, laceration, etc.)
- Bluish or pale skin tones, hypothermia (low body temperature)

Whom to Call?

- **Public Safety:** 610-330-4444 or x4444
- Give specific information related to your situation and location.
- **Residence Hall Staff:** You can also contact any RA/FHA/HR for assistance, though it's preferable to contact the RA on Duty. A duty schedule is posted outside each staff member's door. RA's will assess the

situation and may contact Public Safety for further assistance. Again, it is always helpful to provide information related to the student's condition (i.e., when, where, what and how much they had to drink).

What Happens Next?

Public Safety will send an officer to your location to assess the student's condition and to determine whether or not the student needs medical attention. You may be asked for additional information related to their condition. Please cooperate with the officer as s/he always has the best interest of the student in mind. Timely and accurate information can help the officer better assess the student's health risks.

This Is Who WE Are

90% of Lafayette students disapprove of high-risk drinking (e.g., vomiting, passing out, blacking out).

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