



# SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY

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## **SDSU Recognized Student Organizations Good Samaritan Policy**

In cases of a medical emergency or crisis, San Diego State University Recognized Student Organizations (RSOs) are expected to care for members of the SDSU community by seeking help from appropriate emergency personnel and University staff. The Good Samaritan Policy is in place to ease concerns or any reason for hesitation that members of Recognized Student Organizations may have in seeking help for others should an emergency or crisis arise.

In any situation involving risk or danger to the health and/or safety of members of the SDSU community, including guests attending organizational events, RSOs are expected to take action and call emergency personnel (ex. 9-1-1), regardless of the potential for being found responsible for violations of Student Organization Code of Conduct involving alcohol or drug use.

If a Recognized Student Organization seeks appropriate emergency personnel response **and** reports the incident to the University via the Office of Student Life & Leadership at the time of the incident, the University will not assign formal disciplinary sanctions to the reporting Recognized Student Organization(s) for violations of the alcohol or drug policies (of the Student Organization Code of Conduct), which took place during or immediately before the time of the incident. While the RSO will not be assigned sanctions, the incident will be documented, the organization may be requested to meet with University staff, and educational outcomes may be required.

Recognized Student Organizations demonstrating repetitive behavior in accessing the Good Samaritan Policy, in which the health and safety of members of the SDSU community is repeatedly at risk, may be subject to the Student Organization Code of Conduct Process and formal sanctions may apply.

Only violations of the alcohol and other drug policies of the Student Organization Code of Conduct fall within the scope of the Good Samaritan Policy. Other alleged violations of the Student Organization Code of Conduct and/or any violation of the individual Student Code of Conduct are not covered by the Good Samaritan Policy. Additionally, the University will continue to fulfill all legal obligations in reporting incidents to appropriate University and law enforcement officials (i.e. Title IX and Clery).

### **In situations involving danger to the health and safety of one or more individuals, Recognized Students Organizations must complete the following actions to activate the Good Samaritan Policy:**

1. Contact the appropriate emergency personnel by calling 9-1-1 and report the emergency at the time of the incident
2. To remain with individual(s) needing emergency response and cooperate with emergency personnel as long as it is safe to do so;
3. Report the incident to the University, specifically Student Life & Leadership at the time of the incident
  - a. All RSOs must call the Director of Student Life & Leadership (or a designee) by implementing the RSO Reporting Protocol at the time of the incident;
  - b. All RSOs must submit an incident report, which should include an incident or case number issued by emergency personnel, through the Student Organization Incident Report Form within 24 hours of the incident; and,



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4. Meet with University administrators, as requested, after the incident and fully cooperate with any University investigation.

*The health and safety of our campus community is paramount. Please note that in cases where the Good Samaritan policy does not apply, Recognized Student Organizations are expected to seek emergency response and report incidents that pose danger to the health and safety of members of the campus community but do not involve alleged violations of the alcohol and drug policies.*