Responsible Action Guidelines

Guiding Principle: When someone is in danger, University of Wisconsin-Stout students are expected to notice the danger, assume personal responsibility, and provide or seek immediate assistance, such as calling 9-1-1. These guidelines were created to foster an environment where responsible action is expected and encouraged.

Scope of Guidelines:

1. Victims of Crime – In those cases where a student has been a victim of sexual assault while under the influence of alcohol and/or other drugs, neither the Dean of Students, University Housing nor UW-Stout Police will pursue disciplinary actions against the student victim for his or her improper use of alcohol and/or other drugs (e.g., underage drinking). A student victim who is under the influence of alcohol and/or other drugs at the time of a sexual assault is entitled to university and community assistance and encouraged to seek help. A victim of a violent crime (e.g., assault or battery) may receive the same consideration.

2. Person in Need of Medical Attention – When a student requires emergency evaluation and/or treatment to a medical facility for an overdose of alcohol and/or other drugs, that student, as part of a disciplinary response, may be required to complete an alcohol and/or other drugs assessment and/or education program in addition to other disciplinary action from the University. There may be a charge incurred if the student has an assessment and for some education programs. High risk use of alcohol and/or other drug use that violates University policy may result in contact made to parents/guardians.

3. Caller – When a student calls on behalf of an impaired individual or to report second-hand effects (e.g., vandalism, theft), remains with that individual until assistance arrives and fully cooperates with emergency responders, the caller may be eligible for reduced disciplinary actions under the UW System Code of Conduct, sanctions from University Housing, or citation by UW-Stout Police for his or her personal consumption of alcohol and/or other drugs (e.g., underage drinking).

4. Organization (or living unit) – A representative of an organization (or living unit) hosting an event or gathering is expected to promptly call for assistance if they become aware of an emergency. Failure to call will be considered an “aggravating circumstance” and will be factored into further disciplinary action.

5. Overuse – Overuse is defined as a level of alcohol and/or other drug use that prevents a student from recognizing a dangerous situation. Failure to recognize, call or act accordingly due to overuse will be considered an “aggravating circumstance” and will be factored into further disciplinary action.

These guidelines apply only to disciplinary actions related to the caller’s personal consumption of alcohol and/or other drugs. They do not apply to supplying or possession alcohol and/or other drugs illegally or other crimes.

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