

Amnesty Policy

For the purpose this policy, amnesty is defined as exempting a person(s) from the student code of conduct process for a policy violation. The University's primary concern is the health and safety of all community members. Generally, in the event of a health or safety emergency, the University may offer amnesty to the reporting parties and/or person(s) at risk. Emergencies caused by consumption, use or ingestion of alcohol or drugs will fall under this policy. Those who are found to have coerced, forced, laced or hazed others into using intoxicating substances will not be granted amnesty.

In circumstances where a student club or organization is found to be hosting an event where a health and safety emergency occurs and medical attention is sought for a guest, the organization (depending upon the circumstances) may be held responsible for policy violations. However, the student club or organization's willingness to seek medical assistance for a member or guest will be viewed as a mitigating factor in determining a sanction for any violations.

Muskingum University believes all students can learn and grow from their choices. A student who is offered amnesty may still be required to go through an educational process with educational outcomes. This process will not be punitive or be included in a student's conduct record.