

Medical Amnesty Under Pennsylvania ACT 66, a person under the age of 21 will be protected from prosecution for the possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages if law enforcement, including University police, became aware of the possession or consumption solely because the individual was seeking medical assistance for someone else.

The legislation is defined in the Crimes Code of Pennsylvania, otherwise referred to as Title 18, and specifically defined in October 2016 Page 43 Section 6308 (Purchase, consumption, possession or transportation of liquor or malt or brewed beverages) subsection (f) Exception for person seeking medical attention for another: A person shall be immune from prosecution for consumption or possession under subsection (a) if he/she can establish the following:

- 1) The only way law enforcement officers became aware of the person's violation of subsection (a) is because the person placed a 911 call, or a call to campus safety, police, or emergency services, in good faith, based on a reasonable belief and reported that another person was in need of medical attention to prevent death or serious injury.
- 2) The person reasonably believed he/ she was the first person to make a 911 call or call to campus safety, police or emergency services, and report that a person needed immediate medical attention to prevent death or serious injury.
- 3) The person provided his/her own name to the 911 operator or equivalent campus safety, police or emergency officer.
- 4) The person remained with the person needing medical assistance until emergency health care providers arrived and the need for his/ her presence had ended.

The person seeking the assistance must reasonably believe s/he is the first to do so, must use his or her real name with authorities, and must stay with the individual needing medical assistance.

IUP's Bystander Involvement (Medical Amnesty) Policy states:

The safety and general welfare of the members of the IUP and Indiana communities are of paramount importance. When individuals need help, the university encourages students to offer assistance regardless of location on- or off-campus property. Sometimes students may hesitate to offer help to others for fear that they may risk conduct consequences for their own behavior in a situation (for example, drinking alcohol while under the age of 21). The community's best interests are served when individuals report crimes, call 911, and seek help for those in need of assistance. It is the intent of this policy that a student, who makes the contact in compliance with Pennsylvania Act 66, not be referred to the Office of Student Conduct for alleged behavior violations related to alcohol (C4 a, b, c, d, and e of the Student Conduct Policies and Procedures).