GOOD SAMARITAN AND SELF-REPORTING POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to encourage students to promptly notify the appropriate staff and/or local emergency services in the event of such need without fear of disciplinary action for related policy violations. The well-being, health, and safety of our students is of the utmost importance at Mount Saint Mary’s University. Students or their guests in need of medical attention, who are intoxicated or under the influence of alcohol, marijuana, or a controlled substance, should always seek appropriate assistance from Campus Security, Residence Life and Housing Services staff, Student Health Services or other local emergency services.

Under this policy, the University will mitigate the resulting disciplinary actions for the student(s) in crisis and who provide resources and support to the student(s) in need of help. The student(s) in crisis will be referred to an educational, recovery, and/or developmental program so that they learn and grow from the situation; and, reduced or no sanctions/resolutions will be imposed. Students who do not complete the educational, recovery, and/or developmental program recommendations may be subject to disciplinary action consistent with the Student Conduct Code.

Severe or repeated incidents of alcohol or drug violations will merit consideration of more severe sanctions/resolutions from the Conduct Hearing Board. This policy only applies to alcohol, marijuana and other drug violations and does not excuse behaviors which go beyond alcohol, marijuana and other drug intoxication (these may include, but are not limited to, disorderly conduct, failure to comply, physical assault, Sexual Assault, sexual violence, other sexual misconduct, vandalism, property damage). Action or investigations by police, or other law enforcement personnel are not covered under this policy. The Policy does not grant immunity to possession with intent to distribute drugs or other related crimes.