Missouri S&T Responsible Student Action Protocol

Because the health, safety, and welfare of our students is Missouri S&T’s priority, the university has instituted a Responsible Action Protocol. This protocol encourages individuals to seek medical assistance for themselves or others in circumstances involving significant intoxication resulting from alcohol or other substances.

Under this protocol, a Missouri S&T student, or Recognized Student Organization (RSO) who acts responsibly by notifying the appropriate authorities (e.g., calling 911, contacting police, alerting a resident assistant, etc.) AND meets one or more of the following criteria, typically will not face University student conduct action for their own use or possession of alcohol or drugs. This protocol also applies to the student for which assistance is being sought.

The criteria which invoke this Protocol are:

- A student or RSO voluntarily seeking medical assistance for themselves when experiencing an alcohol or drug overdose or related problems.

- A student or RSO seeking medical assistance for a peer experiencing an alcohol or drug overdose or related problems and remains with the peer until appropriate authorities arrive.

- A student experiencing an alcohol or drug overdose or related problems, for whom another student or organization seeks assistance when the other student or organization who sought assistance, believes they are the first caller, provides their name and remains with the peer until appropriate authorities arrive, will also not be subject to disciplinary action for alcohol violations.

However, based on the nature of the circumstance, the student and/or RSO will be required to attend a University approved, targeted intervention. This may include an alcohol or drug education program, such as BASICS, CASICS, and/or the Substance Use Intervention Program that is consistent with the severity of the circumstance. For these University facilitated intervention programs, the fees will be waived. A student may also be required to engage in other appropriate education, and prevention interventions, and treatment options will be shared with the student as appropriate.

Circumstances in which the student’s or RSO’s behavior involves additional Standard of Conduct violations, depending on the severity and gravity of the behavior, may be subject to student conduct charges. Additionally, if a student or RSO exhibits an ongoing or repetitive pattern of concerning behavior related to alcohol or drugs, that student or RSO may be subject to formal conduct action. The University reserves the right to adjudicate any case in which the violations are egregious.
This procedure is intended for one-time use by a student receiving medical attention due to an overdose. Typically, repeated use of this protocol by a student receiving medical assistance will be handled through the student conduct process. This limitation does not apply to students who assist others in seeking medical assistance.

This protocol aligns with Missouri’s Good Samaritan Law (Mo. Rev. Stat. § 195.205) designed to save lives by protecting anyone from certain crimes for calling 911 in good faith to obtain help for someone experiencing an overdose.

CONSIDERATIONS

- More egregious, numerous violations, or repeat behaviors will likely be reviewed through the student conduct process outlined in CRR 200.020. No exemptions will be provided related to any activities that may constitute hazing in violation of the Standard of Conduct or Missouri law.
- All circumstances will be reviewed on a case by case basis.
- Serious or repeated incidents will prompt a higher degree of concern/response.
- Support, education, and prevention interventions will take into consideration the following:
  - reason for use/misuse
  - underlying history of substance use or disorder
  - if an evaluation was conducted by a professional
  - willingness and desire to engage in a one-time consultation with a counselor or health professional beyond the educational intervention
  - need or interest in treatment response options
- Failure to engage in educational interventions or recommendations will normally result in student conduct action.