

Howl for Help: Health Intervention for Alcohol and Other Drug Related Emergencies

Student wellbeing is a primary concern at NC State University, and NC State encourages students to participate in a healthy, caring community. One example of care involves seeking emergency assistance when another student's health or safety may be in danger. NC State recognizes there may be a time when the consumption of alcohol or other drugs leads to a situation where medical intervention is necessary to ensure the health and safety of a student. Howl for Help encourages students to make responsible decisions when faced with such emergencies.

Howl for Help applies to:

- a student who has consumed alcohol or other drugs, and who seeks assistance from a University official or emergency personnel on their own behalf;
- a student who consumed alcohol or other drugs, and was the victim of a crime (including but not limited to physical or sexual assault, theft, vandalism) who seeks assistance from a University official or emergency personnel on their own behalf;
- a student who consumed alcohol or other drugs, and receives assistance, as a result of another student(s) seeking assistance on their behalf, from a University official or emergency personnel;
- student(s) who consumed alcohol or other drugs, and who seek assistance from a University official or emergency personnel on behalf of another student who has consumed alcohol or other drugs, and who remain on the scene to provide support; or
- organizations hosting an event in which an organization member seeks assistance, on behalf of another student, from a University official or emergency personnel and remains on the scene to provide support.

Howl for Help does not apply to:

- other prohibited conduct including, but not limited to, driving under the influence, acts of harm, harassment, sexual misconduct, vandalism, distribution of controlled substances, etc.;
- students/organizations who do not seek assistance from a University official or emergency personnel.

Howl for Help provides an opportunity for an intervention that will not result in disciplinary action being taken from the Office of Student Conduct on the underage possession and/or consumption of alcohol, or possession or use of other drugs. A student or organization may be required to meet with a staff member in the Office of Student Conduct, the Counseling Center, or other appropriate personnel and complete any recommended educational assignments. Failure to complete all recommendations may result in revocation of Howl for Help benefits. Repeated incidents may prompt the University to revoke an individual's or organization's future ability to receive the benefits of Howl for Help.

Records related to receiving Howl for Help assistance will be maintained consistent with the University's records retention schedule. While this information is an educational record, it is not a conduct record and is not disclosed as part of a student's disciplinary history.

Please note: Howl for Help does not prevent Police or other law enforcement from reporting an alleged violation, filing a charge, or taking other action related to the possible criminal prosecution of any NC State student.