

# Appendix Z

## University of California, Santa Cruz Responsible Action Plan<sup>1</sup>

### I. Purpose

UCSC's *Responsible Action Plan*(Plan) aims to reduce the dangers associated with the overconsumption of alcohol and/or controlled substances, removing barriers to seeking medical assistance, and promoting community wellbeing and safety. This Plan aligns with the University's mission and the Principles of Community to prepare future leaders by encouraging healthy, proactive, actions and civic responsibility in times of a crisis.

### II. Protocol

A. Students who seek medical assistance for an alcohol or drug related medical emergency, either for themselves or another, may be eligible for participation in the responsible action plan whereby they will not be subject to a formal administrative sanction noted in their student conduct record if all of the following apply:

1. A student seeks assistance from 911 or requests assistance from a Resident Advisor or other University Official (e.g., Police Officer, Community Safety Officer, etc.) for a medical emergency on behalf of a student experiencing an alcohol or drug related emergency AND
  - Stays with the individual requiring aid,
  - Follows the requests of medical staff,
  - Meets with the appropriate University Officials & cooperates with any University investigation;
2. No other Student Conduct Code violations are associated with the

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incident (including, but not limited to, disorderly conduct, distribution of controlled substances, hazing, physical assault, vandalism, academic integrity violations etc.) or were committed by the students involved during the same incident; AND

3. The student(s) has not received amnesty under this *Plan* more than two times in a period of two calendar years.

4. Neither the UC Policy on Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment (Appendix G) Immunity clause or the UC Santa Cruz Anti-Hazing Policy apply.

B. Each specific incident will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct to determine whether or not the incident meets the grounds for the Responsible Action Plan and to assess whether or not other possible violations exist.

If the student(s) is eligible for the Responsible Action Plan, they will be summoned to discuss their participation in the incident and be assigned educational requirements. Housing action may also be taken in these cases. However, no formal administrative sanction will be noted in the student conduct record.

C. Records of all reports addressed by this *Plan* will be maintained by the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards.

D. Nothing in this *Plan* will prevent an individual from possible criminal prosecution.

### **III. Student Organizations**

A. Student organization members who host events are expected to seek prompt medical assistance in an alcohol or drug related medical emergency. When student organization members use this protocol (assuming the incident meets the stated criteria), the organization will not be referred through the student conduct process. However, principal members of student organizations will be required to meet with the Assistant Dean of Students or designee to determine

if the organization will be required to participate in an appropriate educational program.

B. Student organizations that are required to participate and complete assigned educational programs must do so within an established time frame, as determined by the Assistant Dean of Students or designees. If the assigned educational program is satisfactorily completed, the student organization will not be placed on an administrative status (Warning, Probation, Suspension, etc.), unless a repeated violation occurs. The Dean of Student's Office has discretion to determine whether or not this policy will apply to a student organization.

## **IV. Disclosure**

University will not disclose an incident to another office under this policy if all conditions of the Responsible Action Plan are met.