

THETA XI FRATERNITY

Statement of Position Good Samaritan Policy

It is in keeping with the values of Theta Xi Fraternity and the oath taken by each member of the fraternity that we share a deep and genuine commitment to the well-being and safety of each member and associate member of Theta Xi, as well as our invited guests and members of our campus communities. We recognize that members may be reluctant to seek help in incidents of crisis or medical emergency because of potential disciplinary consequences for themselves, the person in need of assistance or their chapter or colony. To that end, and consistent with the policies adopted by our fellow members of the North American Interfraternity Conference and many of the host institutions where our chapters and colonies are located, we adopt this "Good Samaritan Policy" for the purpose of ensuring that no member of Theta Xi shall ever fail or delay to seek medical or other assistance for someone in need based on fear of disciplinary action by the Fraternity.

Accordingly, the policy of Theta Xi Fraternity shall be as follows:

1. Every member shall promptly seek medical assistance by contacting local law enforcement, campus police, emergency medical services, a university staff member or resident advisor upon becoming aware of any incident where an individual is injured, unresponsive, or in need of immediate medical care as a result of intoxication or impairment from alcoholic beverages, drugs of any kind, or illegal or controlled dangerous substances.
2. Every member shall promptly report to local police or law enforcement, campus police, a university staff member or resident advisor any incident of hazing, sexual abuse, fighting or violent behavior as defined in the Theta Xi Risk Management Policy, if such activity is taking place or is about to take place in the presence of the member.
3. Any member who acts in accordance with the above, and does so prior to the arrival of any member of the local police or law enforcement, campus police, university staff member or resident advisor at the scene where the incident takes place, shall not be subject to any disciplinary action by the Fraternity in the event that the member who promptly sought the assistance is, at the time the report is made, in violation of the Fraternity's Risk Management Policy as it relates to alcoholic beverages, illegal or controlled dangerous substances, or the conduct of social events, which are collectively stated in the Risk Management policy under the heading "Alcohol and Drugs." The person who receives emergency assistance and/or medical treatment shall also not be subject to discipline for violation of such policies.

4. No chapter or colony of the Fraternity shall be subject to disciplinary action for any violation of the Fraternity's Risk Management Policy as it relates to alcoholic beverages, illegal or controlled dangerous substances, or the conduct of social events, which are collectively stated in the Risk Management Policy under the heading "Alcohol and Drugs" arising out of an incident described in paragraph 1 above, if one or more members of the chapter or colony acts in accordance with paragraph 1 above with respect to that incident.
5. This "Good Samaritan" policy does not apply to any disciplinary action for hazing, sexual abuse, fighting or violent behavior by a member, chapter or colony. In the event of a disciplinary action for hazing, sexual abuse, fighting or violent behavior, which is accompanied by a violation of paragraph 1 above, failure to seek assistance shall be considered an aggravating factor.
6. Theta Xi Fraternity may, at its discretion, provide resources relating to drug and/or alcohol abuse counseling and/or education for any member, chapter or colony of the Fraternity at any time, notwithstanding the above. Further, any member, chapter or colony of the Fraternity may be subject to disciplinary measures by the Fraternity, if the Fraternity becomes aware of multiple violations of the Fraternity's Risk Management Policy provisions as they relate to alcohol and drugs, notwithstanding this Good Samaritan Policy.
7. Nothing in this policy shall be construed as having any effect on actions by any party other than Theta Xi Fraternity, including but not limited to, the chapter's host institution, any law enforcement or governmental agency, or any private citizen.

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