University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee Drug, Alcohol, and Sexual Assault Victim Assistance Policy

The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM) is committed to the safety of its students and encourages students to look out for one another. This is particularly important when students are involved with alcohol and/or other drug use. UWM has several resources to educate students on the effects of alcohol and other drugs as well as assistance for students who believe their use of alcohol and/or other drugs is problematic. Despite these resources, UWM knows that some of its students will use alcohol and/or other drugs and may find themselves or their friends in unsafe situations. To ensure that everyone's physical safety is the primary consideration, UWM will provide some relief from disciplinary action for students who seek assistance for themselves, or others related to alcohol and/or other drug overuse or impairment. In addition, UWM encourages its students to seek help for themselves or others who have been the victim of sexual violence so that all sexual violence victims receive medical and/or other assistance without fear of disciplinary consequences for alcohol and/or other drug use. Accordingly, students who meet the following criteria will not face university disciplinary action or UWM Police citations for underage alcohol use and/or other drug use:

- The student seeks police/rescue assistance or assistance from UWM staff for someone who is overly intoxicated and/or impaired due to drugs and/or alcohol, or is the victim of sexual violence (sexual assault or dating/domestic violence), and
- The student seeking such assistance remains on scene and cooperates with emergency personnel and/or UWM staff. This includes providing any requested information to the extent the student is capable of doing so.
- The student who is the subject of any request for assistance cooperates with emergency personnel to the extent the student is capable of doing so.

Although students meeting the above criteria will not face university disciplinary action and/or UWM Police citations for underage alcohol use and/or other drug use, students may be subject to disciplinary or police action for other misconduct and/or criminal activity. Students may also be referred to the Norris Health Center for non-disciplinary education as part of the Brief Alcohol and other drug Screening & Intervention for College Students (BASICS) program. Students who are referred to BASICS under this policy will not be charged the program fee to participate. Students who are approached by, rather than actively seek assistance from, UWM staff and/or the UWM Police do not qualify for relief from disciplinary action under this policy.

UWM does not control whether the City Of Milwaukee or other local police departments will issue citations and/or refer other illegal activity for criminal charges. Please note, however, that state law protects a student engaged in underage drinking from receiving an underage drinking citation if that student is reporting a sexual assault or human trafficking (see Wis. Stat. § 125.07(5)).