



SAFE SPIDERS PROTOCOL

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Student health and safety are of primary concern at the University of Richmond. As such, in cases of significant intoxication as a result of alcohol or other substances, we encourage students to seek medical assistance for themselves and others.

If medical assistance is sought, the following individuals shall not be charged with a violation of the University's [Alcohol, Tobacco, & Other Drug Policy](#):

- The intoxicated student, and
- Any student actively involved in assisting the intoxicated student.

Actively Assisting Requires:

1. That the student(s) are the first to contact emergency officials by dialing 804-289-8911 (on campus) or 911 (off campus) to report that a person is in need of assistance due to significant intoxication;
2. That the student(s) must remain with the individual(s) needing emergency treatment and cooperate with emergency officials, so long as it is safe to do so; and
3. That the student(s) meet with appropriate University officials after the incident and cooperate with any University follow-up.

The Safe Spiders Protocol does not cover the following:

- Students waiting until emergency officials arrive before seeking assistance;
- An intoxicated student who refuses medical attention or advice by emergency officials;
- Actions by University of Richmond Police or other law enforcement personnel;
- Violations of the University's Community Standards other than the University's Alcohol, Tobacco, & Other Drug Policy; and
- Possession with the intent to distribute drugs.

Actions by the University:

- Any student actively involved in assisting an intoxicated student may be required to meet with a College Dean;
- The intoxicated student will be required to meet with a College Dean;
- The College Dean will notify the family and/or guardian of any student who requires medical attention due to significant intoxication in accordance with University policy;
- The intoxicated student will be required to meet with appropriate University officials as necessary;
- The intoxicated student will be required to complete any alcohol education requirement as prescribed.

The Safe Spiders Protocol will not apply if it is determined that a student is abusing the privilege of the Protocol. Failure of students to take responsible actions in an emergency situation may void all protections under the Safe Spiders Protocol, may constitute an aggravating factor for purposes of disciplinary outcomes, and may lead to further conduct action when such a failure to act otherwise constitutes a violation of University rules, regulations, or policies.