WHAT SHOULD HOOS DO IN ALCOHOL & OTHER DRUG EMERGENCIES?

CALL 911

What questions might the 911 dispatcher ask?
- Your location
- The condition of your friend
- What & how much they consumed

WHY DO POLICE RESPOND TO MEDICAL EMERGENCIES?
For all emergency calls on Grounds, police always respond in order to provide access to buildings, and other logistical aid to support medical responders. They can also provide medical assistance until EMTs arrive on scene.

RECOGNIZE WHEN TO TAKE ACTION

Is it Alcohol Overdose?

UBS

Puking while passed out
Unresponsive to pinching or shaking
Breathing is noisy, slow, shallow or has stopped
Skin is blue/cold/clammy

SEE EVEN ONE? CALL 911

*Unsure? Call Poison Control at (800) 222-1222
Free & confidential expert medical advice 24/7
gordie.org

BE HONEST

EMTs will ask questions on scene. It’s important to answer as honestly as possible so they can figure out how to help the person in need.

How much did your friend have to drink? Were they using any other substances?

Did they fall or hit their head? How long have they been like this? Have they vomited or lost consciousness?

Are they on any other medications? What other health conditions do they have?

FAQS

WILL I GET IN TROUBLE IF I’M UNDER THE INFLUENCE AND CALL 911?
UVA will not pursue disciplinary action (for personal consumption of alcohol or other drugs) against the person being helped and the person who asked for help. This applies to calling 911 or getting an RA/SR to help in a potential emergency situation.

WILL MY FRIEND’S PARENTS SEE THEY WENT TO THE HOSPITAL FOR A SUBSTANCE USE EMERGENCY?
While parents will see their insurance billed for an ambulance ride, they cannot see the reason for transport unless the student is under 18 or it is a life-threatening situation.

SUBSTANCE USE EMERGENCIES ARE SERIOUS. TAKE ACTION AND CALL FOR HELP!

CARE

Stay with your friend while waiting for EMS. First responders will request the person’s legal ID, so get it ready. If they pass out, use the Bacchus Maneuver until help arrives.

THE BACCHUS MANEUVER

1. Raise person’s L arm above head. Pull R shoulder to roll them toward you.
2. Gently roll person as a unit. Guard their head as you roll.
3. Tuck R hand under cheek to maintain head tilt. Drop R knee forward to stabilize.

Cooperate

Stay on scene. Be helpful and cooperative. EMS and other professionals are there to make sure your friend is safe, not to get you in trouble.

Depending on the situation, first responders will direct your next steps.

POTENTIAL BARRIERS TO CALLING 911

Uncertainty with police involvement
It’s important to recognize the fears & anxieties that may come with police involvement. An alternative option to keep each other safe is to ask a friend or RA to call 911 if you would feel more comfortable with them making the call & taking the lead with the police interaction.

Cost of ambulances
There is no cost for ambulance transports in the city of Charlottesville. Your insurance may be billed, but any remaining cost related to transport will be covered. There may be additional fees incurred from medical care received in the ER.