



Safe Spiders Protocol

Division of Student Development
University of Richmond

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 & 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) 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 transport to the hospital when advised by emergency officials that they should go to the hospital;
- Actions by University of Richmond Police or other law enforcement personnel;
- Violations of the Standards of Student Conduct other than the University's Alcohol & Drug Policy; and
- Possession with the intent to distribute drugs.

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 sanctioning, and may lead to further conduct action when such failure at act otherwise constitutes a violation of University rules, regulations, or policies.

Actions by the College Deans:

- The intoxicated student will be required to meet with a member of the Dean's staff to discuss the incident and the impact of their choices.
- The intoxicated student will be expected to complete any alcohol education requirement prescribed by the Dean's staff.
- Any student actively involved in assisting the intoxicated student may be required to meet with a member of the Dean's staff to discuss the incident and the impact of their choices.
- The Dean's staff is compelled to notify the families of any student who requires medical attention due to significant intoxication by local, state, and federal law.
- The Dean's staff has the right to revoke the Safe Spiders Protocol should it appear that a student has a substance addiction or is abusing the privilege of the Protocol.