

# GOOD SAMARITAN POSITION STATEMENT

## Introduction

Pi Kappa Alpha is supportive of its members making good decisions in all situations. Several high-profile matters on college campuses over the past 24 months may have been avoided had the individuals involved immediately made the correct decision and called 911 and asked for help, instead of fearing over what the negative personal and/or chapter related consequences could be. Generally, Good Samaritan “laws” or policies are designed to exempt a person who attempts to give reasonable aid to another person who is injured, ill, or otherwise imperiled from penalty.

Many Universities and Greek Organizations have adopted such policies. To that end, the North American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) has established a *standard* that all member organizations maintain a Good Samaritan policy by September 1, 2018. As a result, the delegates of the 2018 Convention passed the adoption of a Good Samaritan Position.

## The Concept of the Good Samaritan

### What is a Good Samaritan?

Good Samaritan is a person or a group who takes affirmative action to intervene in and seek help in a crisis situation.

The goal of supporting and allowing voluntary efforts by “Good Samaritans” is to proceed without fear of reprisal and is favored by Pi Kappa Alpha.

The Pi Kappa Alpha International Fraternity supports efforts to accomplish this goal for the betterment of the health, safety, and welfare of its chapters, members, and guests.

### Their Scope & Action

If a member assists another person in obtaining immediate and appropriate medical care related to the use or consumption of alcohol, drugs, or to another medical emergency, then that member, as well as those who are assisted, will not be subject to individual disciplinary action with respect to the incident. This is the case even if the member who is assisting was a contributing factor to that emergency. An individual may benefit from this policy more than once, though repeated use of the policy may receive stricter scrutiny.

A chapter that seeks immediate and appropriate medical assistance for a person in need related to the use or consumption of alcohol, drugs, or to another medical emergency, may be eligible for mitigation of charges related to violations of organizational policies. To be eligible for this potential mitigation, the chapter will be required to meet in person or by phone with an international staff member or an alumni volunteer designated by the fraternity. A chapter may benefit from this policy more than once, though repeated use of the policy may receive stricter scrutiny.