

Dean On Call Protocol

Intoxicated Student or Guest

When responding to an intoxicated individual, err on the side of caution and seeking assistance from the MIT EMT service, (dial 100 from a campus phone, 617-253-1212 from your mobile phone or non-campus phone).

HOW TO ASSESS THE NEED FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

You are looking for signs of the person's consciousness/level of responsiveness

- If the student is unconscious, you always call for the EMTs (100 from campus phone, 617-253-1212 from your mobile or another phone).

If you observe one or more of the following signs, always call for assistance:

- The student is passing in and out of consciousness
- The student is vomiting uncontrollably or feeling nauseated
- The student has used other drugs with alcohol
- The student has cold, clammy, pale or bluish skin (lips or under the fingernails)
- The student has a slow or irregular breathing pattern
- The student has sustained a head injury
- The student is disoriented or cannot verbally respond – cannot tell you their name, location, day/date, name of parents, etc.
- The student's response to stimuli is not "normal"
 - When you tap them on the cheek, they do not turn their head or use their hand to push you away
 - When you move their arm back and forth, they offer no resistance

While you are waiting for MIT EMTs to arrive:

- Do not leave the student unattended
- Do not let the student lay on their back (if they vomit, they can aspirate on their vomit and suffocate) – lay them on their side and prop a pillow behind them to keep them on their side

When to monitor:

The decision to monitor a student should be made carefully – in general, if you are concerned about a student or have doubts, you should call 100 from an MIT phone or 617-253-1212 from your cell or other phone. If you do not observe the behaviors listed above, but are still concerned, you may monitor the student for at least one hour while you decide whether or not to call for additional assistance:

- Do not leave the student unattended
- Do not let the student lay on their back (if they vomit, they can aspirate on their vomit and suffocate) – lay them on their side and prop a pillow behind them to keep them on their side
- Do not give the person food or drink, including water
- Do not allow the person to leave the room alone

Follow Up

It is important you know that MIT considers such situations to be primarily a health issue, not one involving discipline.

In order to continue this health-focused approach, a decision will be made about whether it is appropriate to refer the student to BASICS (Brief Alcohol Screening and Interview for College Students) program. The BASICS program offers a non-judgmental self check to students. (For more information see: <http://web.mit.edu/medical/mithealth/hem82drinking.htm>.)

For students living in the dorms who are transported for alcohol intoxication or injury, Housemasters will be contacted first and serve as the point persons to coordinate the referral of the student to MIT Medical to participate in a mental status evaluation and the BASICS program. The Housemasters or the Associated Dean of CDSA will contact the student to initiate the referral process, should this be deemed appropriated.

For students living in FSILGs who are transported for alcohol intoxication or injury, MIT staff will follow up with the house leadership and RAs about the incident. The Associate Dean of CDSA will contact the student receiving treatment in order to refer to the mental status evaluation and BASICS follow up. The Assistant Dean for the FSILGs will follow up with the chapter.

For students who are not transported for alcohol related intoxication or injury, the response will be coordinated with the Housemasters and student life Deans. Referral to the BASICS program may be a part of this follow up process.

Important Numbers to have/know:

MIT Campus Police:	617-253-1212 100* (campus phone)
FSILG Office:	617-253-7546
Dean David Rogers:	617-823-1579
Asst. Dir. Ryan-Jasen Henne:	323-574-7926
IFC Pres. Danny Eads:	985-502-7786
IFC Risk Mgt. Riley Schutt:	607-227-0512