

What are ERT (BHV) and first aid?

The emergency response team (ERT) is the team that supplies aid in emergency situations (such as fires or accidents) within an organization, which threaten the safety and/or health of the employees and other attendees.

The course to become an emergency response officer (ERO) consists out of two parts: a course Fire and Evacuation, and a First Aid course. Both courses are supplied by the TU/e. The First Aid course is not a complete course, but a course that consists of one day, in which the focus lies on how to handle in life-threatening cases. To become an acknowledged ERO at the TU/e, both courses should be successfully completed at the TU/e. In case someone received a (partial) ERT certificate through an external party, this certificate must be approved by the fire department of the TU/e before this member can become a full member of the ERT.

An ERT certificate issued by the TU/e will expire after one year. In order to extend this with one year, a refresher course provided by the TU/e, must be successfully completed. This refresher course consists of one day, during which the most relevant information of both ERT parts (Fire and Evacuation & First Aid) is repeated.

All Fire and Evacuation, First Aid, and refresher courses are paid for by the association.

When do we need EROs?

During official opening hours of the Borrel in de 'Salon' in Flux, one sober ERO must be present, taking into account that one sober ERO will be present in het Walhalla from e.t.s.v. Thor as well. During the constitution drink, four EROs must be present. All these rules are set by the TU/e. In the case of (smaller) Borrels outside regular opening times, the board will decide whether EROs are necessary.

The general rule of the TU/e is to have at least one ERO at activities where alcohol is served and more than 20 people are present. The exact rules can be found in the document 'Bestuursreglement Borrelruimtes FSE', placed on the Physstor.

There should be at least one sober ERO during the first years' weekend, the WiXi, the Christmas dinner, the multi-fraternity and -sorority activity or dinner, and the active members dinner. According to the TU/e-policy, two sober EROs should be present during the Van der Waals program of the introduction week.

It is highly recommended to have two EROs during dinner activities with the risk of excessive consumption of alcohol. In this way, the EROs can keep a good view of the risks that come with such activities. This recommendation is set by Van der Waals and not by an external party. Lastly, an ERO should be present at activities where the board thinks it is necessary.

Rules of behavior of an ERO

When someone is scheduled to be an ERO during an activity, certain things are expected. During an activity, an ERO is:

- Sober;
- Either present on the location of the activity or able to come to the location within two minutes. This person should tell the organizing party where he/she is seated beforehand; - Reachable by phone (his or her phone should therefore not be put to 'silent').

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Furthermore, the ERO should notify the organizing party of the activity of his or her presence at the beginning of the activity. If an ERO wants to go to sleep, which might happen at the First years' weekend or WiXi, the ERO should notify the organizing party and the ERO ensures that he/she can be woken up easily.

Amount of EROs

Borrels are the most reoccurring events where EROs are needed. It is fair to be an ERO once per two months at the Borrel. In order to manage this, 8 EROs are needed. However, this number of EROs is not set in stone. There must be at least one ERO within the board, but it is common to have three EROs within the board. In case the candidate board doesn't have an ERO, someone has to be trained to become one as soon as possible.

How will the EROs be scheduled?

The ERT-committee keeps the ERT members file up to date and schedules the EROs for the activities. A member of the board will be the chairman of this committee and he/she will be in charge of the communication about the courses and the division.

The chairman should start timely with making an inventory with the availability of the different EROs for the activities that require an ERO. After that, the chairman will make a proposal with the schedule, and communicate this to the EROs. The chairman has to ensure that this schedule is fair for the different ERT members throughout the year. If people want to switch dates, they should discuss this between the two of them. In case it is not possible to find an ERO for an activity, the EROs from the board will be an ERO for this activity.

If someone is trained to be an ERO, this person is expected to be part of the ERT for Van der Waals for at least two years. In case someone from the ERT committee gets the impression that someone doesn't meet the responsibilities imposed on an ERO, this can be notified to the board. In extreme cases, the board can decide to have this person pay for the ERT course.

Compensation for the ERO

The compensation for being an ERO during a regular Borrel depends on the time length of this Borrel, because of the fact that there are regular Borrels that last until 20:00 since 2018-2019. In case the regular Borrel lasts from 16:30 to 19:30, the ERO will be compensated a maximum of 2 soft drinks and 1 bag of chips, on top of an optional Borreltender compensation which is provided by the Borrel. At a regular Borrel that lasts from 16:30 to 20:00, the reward will be increased to 3 soft drinks and 1 bag of chips. During these Borrels, an ERO can buy any non-alcoholic drink/product, including chips and cocktail nuts, as long as it doesn't exceed the current pricing of the budgeted items. The ERO is responsible for making sure the allocated budget is not exceeded. At other activities where alcohol will be consumed, the ERO will get all his or her sodas, thus no chips, reimbursed, where the ERO is responsible for this being a reasonable amount. This therefore also applies to multi-day activities such as the first years' weekend and the WiXi. The costs of the ERT compensation during regular Borrels will be paid from the Borrel finances and the costs during Van der Waals activities will be paid from the Van der Waals finances.