

OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE HAZING POLICY

No organization shall conduct hazing activities. Hazing activities can be defined, according to Fraternity Insurance Purchasing Group (FIPG) as, “any action taken or situation created, intentionally, whether on or off fraternity/University premises, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule. Such activities may include but are not limited to the following: use of alcohol; paddling in any form; creation of excessive fatigue; physical and psychological shocks; quests, treasure hunts, scavenger hunts, road trips or any other such activities carried on outside or inside of the confines of the chapter house; wearing of public apparel which is conspicuous and not normally in good taste; engaging in public stunts and buffoonery; morally degrading or humiliating games and activities; and any other activities which are not consistent with fraternal law, ritual or policy or the regulations and policies of the educational institution”. If you have any questions about acceptable activities, please contact the Assistant Director of Student Involvement and Leadership PRIOR TO engaging in any activity. Eastern Kentucky University along with the Office of Student Life supports Kentucky State law regarding hazing (KRS 164.375):

(1) The boards of trustees of the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville and the boards of regents of those state colleges set out in KRS 164.290 shall, within ninety (90) days of July 15, 1986, adopt statements of campus policy which prohibit any action or situation which recklessly or intentionally endangers mental or physical health or involves the forced consumption of liquor or drugs for the purpose of initiation into or affiliation with any organization. Such policy statements shall govern the conduct of students, faculty and other staff as well as visitors and other licensees and invitees on such campuses and property. The penalties for violations of such policy statements shall be clearly set forth therein and shall include provisions for the ejection of a violator from such campus and property, in the case of a student or faculty violator his suspension, expulsion or other appropriate disciplinary action and, in the case of an organization which authorizes such conduct, rescission of permission for that organization to operate on campus property. Such penalties shall be in addition to any penalty pursuant to the penal law or any other chapter to which a violator or organization may be subject. A copy of such policy statements which prohibit reckless or intentional endangerment to health or forced consumption of liquor or drugs for the purpose of initiation into or affiliation with any organization shall be given to all students enrolled in said college and shall be deemed to be part of the bylaws of all organizations operating on said campus.

(2) Nothing contained in this section is intended nor shall it be construed to limit or restrict the freedom of speech nor peaceful assembly.

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Furthermore the University and the Office of Student Life supports the policies of the National Panhellenic Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council, National Interfraternity Council and Fraternity Insurance Purchasing Group.

C. Eastern Kentucky University has a zero tolerance policy for hazing. Failure to comply with national policies, University policies, and/or Kentucky state law will result in consequences up to individual/organization expulsion from the University and/or organization suspension.