

# **ANTI-HAZING AND CAMPUS HAZING TRANSPARENCY REPORT**

University of Akron

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The following report is being provided in compliance with Collin's Law: The Ohio Anti-Hazing Act, Ohio Revised Code 3345.19(D)(1) and the Stop Campus Hazing Act, Federal Law 20 U.S.C. 1092(f)(9)(A).

For the period of July 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025, there were no individuals or student organizations found responsible for hazing violations at the University of Akron.

The University of Akron's Code of Student Conduct (3359-41-01) defines hazing as:

- Hazing means doing, participating in, allowing, causing, coercing or forcing an individual to do, any of the acts listed in this paragraph, regardless of the individual's willingness to participate, for the purpose of admitting, affiliating, or initiating, an individual into or with a student organization or any other recognizable groups, teams, or associations of students, or for the purpose of continuing, enhancing, or reinstating an individual's affiliation, membership, or status in a student organization or any other recognizable groups, teams, or associations of students:
  - a. Consume any food, liquid, alcohol, drug of abuse, or other substance;
  - b. Endure any act of a physical nature including, but not limited to, whipping, beating, branding, paddling, kicking, pushing, shoving, physical exercise, physical exertion, or exposure to the elements;
  - c. Endure any act which may adversely affect the mental health or dignity of the individual including, but not limited to, sleep deprivation, exclusion from social contact, or conduct that could result in embarrassment, harassment, ridicule, or degradation;
  - d. Any activity which has the potential to be frightening, degrading, or unduly deceptive, including deception designed to convince the individual of impending pain, injury, or non-admission, non-affiliation, non-initiation, or non-membership, including, but not limited to, promoting servitude, requiring individuals to run personal errands, intentionally creating labor or clean-up work, berating or verbally harassing individuals, referring to individuals by demeaning or embarrassing nicknames, assigning individuals degrading, crude, or humiliating stunts, skits, or acts, throwing items at or on individuals, forcing individuals to carry items, forcing individuals to yell when entering or departing a physical structure or in the presence of designated individuals, forcing individuals to use designated entrances or exits, forcing an individual to be confined to a small space, transportation and/or abandonment of an individual, or requiring individuals to wear embarrassing, humiliating, or scant attire or to be nude;

- e. Any activity that causes or creates a substantial risk of causing mental or physical harm to any individual;
- f. Endure or participate in any act of a sexual nature;
- g. Any activity which endangers or has the potential to endanger the academic performance of the individual, such as not allowing adequate time for or interfering with academic commitments;
- h. Any destruction or removal of public or private property; or
- i. Any violation of federal, state, or local law; university policy, rule or regulation; or the Ohio Department of Higher Education anti-hazing policy.

Hazing does not include reasonable and customary athletic, law enforcement or military training, contests, competitions, or events that are explicitly relevant to the mission of the student organization or any other recognizable groups, teams, or associations of students.

Expressed or implied consent of the victim to hazing is not a defense and does not prevent the behavior from being considered a violation of this rule.

It is a violation of this rule for any individual, knowing that hazing has been or is being committed, to fail to report such information to law enforcement authorities or to the Department of Student Conduct and Community Standards.

Under the Ohio Revised Code hazing is defined as:

- A.
  - 1. "Hazing" means doing any act or coercing another, including the victim, to do any act of initiation into any student or other organization or any act to continue or reinstate membership in or affiliation with any student or other organization that causes or creates a substantial risk of causing mental or physical harm to any person, including coercing another to consume alcohol or a drug of abuse, as defined in section 3719.011 of the Revised Code."
  - 2. "Organization" includes a national or international organization with which a fraternity or sorority is affiliated.
- B.
  - 1. No person shall recklessly participate in the hazing of another.
  - 2. No administrator, employee, faculty member, teacher, consultant, alumnus, or volunteer of any organization, including any primary, secondary, or post-secondary school or any other educational institution, public or private, shall recklessly permit the hazing of any person associated with the organization.

C.

1. No person shall recklessly participate in the hazing of another when the hazing includes coerced consumption of alcohol or drugs of abuse resulting in serious physical harm to the other person.
2. No administrator, employee, faculty member, teacher, consultant, alumnus, or volunteer of any organization, including any primary, secondary, or post-secondary school or any other educational institution, public or private, shall recklessly permit the hazing of any person associated with the organization when the hazing includes coerced consumption of alcohol or drugs of abuse resulting in serious physical harm to that person.

D. Whoever violates this section is guilty of hazing. A violation of division (B)(1) or (2) of this section is a misdemeanor of the second degree. A violation of division (C)(1) or (2) of this section is a felony of the third degree

Under Federal law (20 U.S.C. 1092(f)(6)(A)(vi)) hazing is defined as:

- Any intentional, knowing, or reckless act committed by a person (whether individually or in concert with other persons) against another person or persons regardless of the willingness of such other person or persons to participate, that:
  1. Is committed in the course of an initiation into, an affiliation with, or the maintenance of membership in, a student organization; and
  2. causes or creates a risk, above the reasonable risk encountered in the course of participation in the institution of higher education or the organization (such as the physical preparation necessary for participation in an athletic team), of physical or psychological injury including:
    - a) whipping, beating, striking, electronic shocking, placing of a harmful substance on someone's body, or similar activity;
    - b) causing, coercing, or otherwise inducing sleep deprivation, exposure to the elements, confinement in a small space, extreme calisthenics, or other similar activity;
    - c) causing, coercing, or otherwise inducing another person to consume food, liquid, alcohol, drugs, or other substances;
    - d) causing, coercing, or otherwise inducing another person to perform sexual acts;

- e) any activity that places another person in reasonable fear of bodily harm through the use of threatening words or conduct;
- f) any activity against another person that includes a criminal violation of local, State, Tribal, or Federal law; and
- g) any activity that induces, causes, or requires another person to perform a duty or task that involves a criminal violation of local, State, Tribal, or Federal law.

The term 'student organization', means an organization at an institution of higher education (such as a club, society, association, varsity or junior varsity athletic team, club sports team, fraternity, sorority, band, or student government) in which two or more of the members are students enrolled at the institution of higher education, whether or not the organization is established or recognized by the institution.

Annual statistics on hazing will be published in The University of Akron's Annual Safety Report located at [Annual Safety Report \(Clery Report\) | Home page : The University of Akron, Ohio.](#)

More information about how to report hazing and hazing prevention training at The University of Akron can be found on the university's hazing prevention website located at <https://uakron.edu/hazing-prevention>.