

ANTI-HAZING STATEMENT

*** RETURN THIS FORM BY 2/5/2010 TO THE OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE**

Please read the hazing policies and statements below.

Once complete, please sign the bottom of the following page if agreeing to comply with the anti-hazing policy.

Ball State University Student Code

- A. Hazing by student organizations and groups of Ball State University is prohibited. Hazing is defined as follows: Any mental or physical requirement, request, or obligation placed upon any person (e.g., a pledge, associate member, affiliate, prospective member, guest, or initiate) which could be harmful to the health and/or welfare of the person, or which is personally degrading to the individual involved, or which has an adverse effect on the academic progress of the person, or which violates any federal, state, or local laws or university policy. Individual acceptance of or acquiescence to any activity covered by the foregoing definition in no way validates or excuses the activity. Student groups may be required to certify in writing that they are in compliance with this policy.
- B. Individual members of organizations or groups who violate this policy are subject to disciplinary action as provided in Section V, above. Any organization which violates this policy is subject to sanctions which may be imposed by the coordinating body of which the organization is a constituent member, the Vice President for Student Affairs or a designee, and/or the Student Activities Committee.

Indiana State Law

Hazing is a felony in more than 38 states. Indiana law requires any person with knowledge of hazing activities to report that information to a proper authority. At Ball State University that report should be forwarded to the Office of Student Life (765-285-2621) or the Department of Public Safety (765-285-1111).

Definition:

A person who recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally performs hazing commits criminal recklessness, a **Class B misdemeanor**.

However, the offense is a:

- **Class A misdemeanor** if the conduct includes the use of a vehicle
- **Class D felony** if it is committed while armed with a deadly weapon
- **Class C felony** if it is committed by shooting a firearm from a vehicle into an inhabited dwelling or other building or place where people are likely to gather

Inter/National Headquarters

Each fraternity and sorority should also have its own definition and policies on hazing. If you are unaware of any such policy, please contact your inter/national headquarters office or visit their website for available resources. The chapter is required to comply with these policies as well as that of Ball State University.

The chapter officers listed below agree to ensure each of the following is completed:

- ✓ The New Member Educator shall read Ball State University's Anti-Hazing Policy, page 20 of the *Student Code* (listed above), during a new member meeting at the beginning of each academic term.
- ✓ The new members will be asked and should understand their rights to report hazing without any repercussions from the chapter.
- ✓ Any functions sponsored by the chapter will adhere to the University's Anti-Hazing Policy, inter/national fraternity or sorority headquarters policies, and all applicable federal, state and local laws and ordinances.
- ✓ The chapter shall develop a written new member education program as a separate document from your inter/national headquarters program (if applicable). This program shall show in detail the activities planned and the responsibilities of the new members and initiated members, from formal pledging to initiation.
- ✓ The undersigned officers recognize their duties to uphold the laws, rules, regulations and policies of Ball State University and inter/national headquarters policies.
- ✓ The members of my chapter also understand that, if found in violation of the Hazing Policy, disciplinary action will be taken. Such action may include, but is not limited to, revocation of University recognition of the chapter and suspension or dismissal of the responsible parties.
- ✓ I understand that the chapter advisor(s) and, if appropriate, the inter/national office of the Fraternity/Sorority will be notified of cases of alleged and/or confirmed violations of the policy.

Hazing is prohibited and any member failing to comply with this policy is subject to disciplinary action. This policy pertains to all new member, active and alumni/ae members of the fraternity or sorority.

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| _____ President | _____ Vice President | _____ Social Chair |
| _____ Risk Management Chair | _____ Recruitment Chair | _____ New Member Educator |