

Member Safety and Wellness Policy

All college chapters are responsible for annually instructing their members and associate members about this Member Safety and Wellness Policy.

ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

1. The possession, use and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages, while on chapter premises, during an official Fraternity event, or in any situation or setting sponsored or endorsed by the chapter, must be in compliance with any and all applicable laws of your state, county, and city.
2. The sale of alcohol, by any chapter is prohibited. This prohibition includes any action that is a functional substitute for the sale of alcohol such as: charging for admission to parties, passing the hat, selling empty cups, or selling drink tickets.
3. Alcoholic beverages may not be purchased with chapter funds. Nor, may the purchase of alcoholic beverages be undertaken or coordinated by any member in the name of or on behalf of the chapter.
4. Chapter events may not involve the use of bulk quantities of alcohol, kegs of beer or any common source container of alcohol. All alcoholic beverages consumed at chapter functions must be purchased and brought by the individuals attending the function or through a cash bar operated by a licensed establishment where the function is held. Any legal use of alcohol should not involve unlimited quantities, the encouragement of rapid consumption, drinking games, or the direct or indirect pressuring of any person to consume alcohol.
5. No chapter shall sponsor open parties, meaning those with unrestricted access and without specific invitation, where alcohol is present.
6. All recruitment activities shall be dry; that is without the use of alcoholic beverages.
7. No alcohol may be present at any associate (no initiated) member activity.
8. No chapter may co-sponsor, co-promote or co-finance an event with a bar, tavern, distributor of alcohol, charitable organization, or student organization where alcohol is sold, given away or otherwise provided.
9. The possession, sale and/or use of any illegal drug or controlled substance at any Sigma Tau Gamma house or Fraternity sponsored event is prohibited.

HAZING

No chapter, associate chapter, collegiate member or alumni member may conduct or condone hazing. Hazing activities are defined as: "Any activity taken or situation created, intentionally, whether on or off fraternity premises, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, 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; wearing apparel that is conspicuous and not normally in good taste, engaging in stunts and buffoonery, morally degrading or humiliating games and activities, and any other activities that are not consistent with academic achievement, fraternal law, ritual or policy or the regulations and policies of the educational institution or applicable state law."

SEXUAL ABUSE

The Fraternity does not condone any form of sexually abusive behavior on the part of its members, whether physical, mental or emotional. This includes any actions that are demeaning to any person including but not limited to date rape, gang rape or verbal or written harassment.

FIRE AND SAFETY

No chapter may be housed in or use the services of a structure that does not meet minimum fire and safety requirements of local civil authorities. Only licensed firearms may be stored on fraternity property. Firearms storage must comply with all local and state laws and must be secured in a locked case or with a locked trigger guard. Ammunition must be stored separately from any firearms.