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University Hazing Policy Statement

Hazing can and often does lead to death or serious injuries. Hazing is totally contrary to the fraternity system and the mission and goals of Southern Connecticut State University.

As a condition of recognition by Southern Connecticut State University, fraternities and sororities must agree that they and their members will not engage in any action or situation which recklessly or intentionally produces mental or physical discomfort or endangers the safety of an individual for the purpose of initiation or admission into or affiliation with their organization. In addition, they must agree that they and their members will not engage in any action or situation which causes an individual to suffer indignity, embarrassment, humiliation, or ridicule at the hands of others.

Hazing activities include, but are not limited to the following activities: whipping, paddling, beating, branding, exposure to the elements, forced calisthenics; forced consumption of food, liquor, drugs (legal or illegal), or any other substance; sleep deprivation, interrogation, forced exclusion from social contact; physical and/or psychological shocks; throwing any unwanted or dangerous substances; transportation and abandonment of members (rides, walks, quests, road trips, treasure hunts); wearing of public apparel which is conspicuous and/or not normally in good taste; engaging in public stunts and buffoonery; verbal abuse; total or partial nudity, coerced sexual activity; morally degrading games, physical restraints or mental harassment.

Members can commit a hazing offense not only by engaging in a hazing activity, but also by soliciting, directing, encouraging, aiding or attempting to aid another in hazing. An organization and its members are also engaged in hazing if activities cause the willful destruction or removal of public or private property.

No individual can consent to being hazed. Any activity falling within the definition of hazing activities is considered to be a forced activity, subjecting the organization and its members to severe penalties.

Organizations violating this policy will be brought before the Student Affairs Committee. If found guilty, they will be disbanded. Individual members of organizations, if found guilty, will be subject to suspension or expulsion from the Connecticut State University System.