



**WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY  
OFFICE OF GREEK LIFE**

**ANTI-HAZING AGREEMENT**

As a new member of the fraternity and sorority community at West Virginia University, I understand the following responsibilities and expectations:

- To understand and agree to abide, without exception, by the attached definition of hazing in the State of West Virginia and West Virginia University.
- To maintain satisfactory academic standing at West Virginia University will participating in new member education and as a member of the fraternity and sorority community.
- To refrain from all questionable activities that may jeopardize, demean, or damage the image of the fraternity and sorority community.
- To make a constructive and meaningful contribution to the new member education program and the chapter to which I have joined.
- To report any and all activity that would meet the definition of hazing to the Office of Greek Life at 304-293-8201.
- I understand that I cannot volunteer, agree to participate, or ignore any action by any member of the fraternity or sorority community that is considered as hazing by the State of West Virginia or West Virginia University.

The chapter officers representing the fraternity or sorority named below understand that they have the following obligation and responsibility:

- To know, understand, and abide, without exception, by the attached definition of hazing in the State of West Virginia and West Virginia University.
- To monitor, supervise, and conduct a new member education program that has been approved by my inter/national fraternity or sorority and the Office of Greek Life that is a positive, educationally sound, and supportive growth experience.
- To report any and all activity that would meet the definition of hazing to the Office of Greek Life at 304-293-8201.

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PRINT NAME OF NEW MEMBER

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PRINT NAME OF NEW MEMBER EDUCATOR

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SIGNATURE OF NEW MEMBER

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SIGNATURE OF NEW MEMBER EDUCATOR

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SIGNATURE OF CHAPTER PRESIDENT



# STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

## WEST VIRGINIA CODE

### CHAPTER 18. EDUCATION.

#### ARTICLE 16. ANTI-HAZING LAW.

##### **§18-16-1. Short title.**

This article shall be known and may be cited as the "Anti-hazing Law".

##### **§18-16-2. Definitions.**

(a) "Hazing" means to cause any action or situation which recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health or safety of another person or persons or causes another person or persons to destroy or remove public or private property for the purpose of initiation or admission into or affiliation with, or as a condition for continued membership in, any organization operating under the sanction of or recognized as an organization by an institution of higher education. The term includes, but is not limited to, any brutality of a physical nature, such as whipping, beating, branding, forced consumption of any food, liquor, drug or other substance, or any other forced physical activity which could adversely affect the physical health and safety of the individual or individuals, and includes any activity which would subject the individual or individuals to extreme mental stress, such as sleep deprivation, forced exclusion from social contact, forced conduct which could result in extreme embarrassment, or any other forced activity which could adversely affect the mental health or dignity of the individual or individuals, or any willful destruction or removal of public or private property: *Provided*, That the implied or expressed consent or willingness of a person or persons to hazing **shall not be a defense** under this section.

(b) "Institution of higher education" or "institution" means any public or private institution as defined in section two, article one, chapter eighteen-b of this code.

##### **§18-16-3. Hazing prohibited.**

Any person or persons who causes hazing is guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars, or confined in a county or regional jail, not more than nine months, or both fined and imprisoned: *Provided*, That if the act would otherwise be deemed a felony as defined in this code, the person committing such act may be found guilty of such felony and be subject to penalties provided for such felony.