



Hazing Acknowledgment Form

Return this form to the Coordinator for Fraternity & Sorority Life (University Union Suite, Room 232C)

Organization _____

Introduction

“Hazing” in any form is against the law (Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 27, Section 268H) and is strictly prohibited at Towson University. When this policy is violated, action may be taken against all participants, including new members. The most damaging instrument to campus organizations (social, honor, service, athletic) is the employment of a program of education, pledging, membership or induction, which includes hazing. Hazing risks human lives, mistreats those involved, and jeopardizes the status of campus organizations at this university.

Definition

“Hazing” is defined as any action taken or situation created intentionally, whether on or off campus, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment or ridicule. Any mental or physical requirement, request or obligation placed upon any person that could cause pain, disgrace, or injury, or is personally degrading or violates any federal, state, local statute or university policy is also considered hazing.

Such activities and situations include but are not limited to: paddling in any form; creation of excessive fatigue; road trips; scavenger hunts; publicly wearing apparel which is conspicuous and not normally in good taste; engaging in public stunts and humiliating games and activities; late night sessions that interfere with scholastic and occupational activities; calisthenics (push-ups, sit-ups, runs, etc.); line-ups (lining people up and harassing them verbally); running personal errands for the members; forced consumption of alcohol, illegal substances, or food; and any other activities not consistent with the academic mission of the university.

Reporting Procedures

Anyone experiencing or witnessing a violation of this hazing policy is encouraged to report the incident.

Below is a list of specific university departments you can contact:

Office of Judicial Affairs | (410) 704-2057, Administration Building Room 236

Office of Student Activities | (410) 704-3307, University Union Suite 217

University Police | (410) 704-2133, General Services Room 100

