

Towson University Hazing Policy

"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 affiliation 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
- 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. The following is a list of specific university officials that you can call or visit:

- **Campus Police:** (410) 704-2133
- **Office of Student Conduct and Civility Education:**
Administration Building, Room 236
(410) 704-2057
- **Associate Vice President of Campus Life:**
Dr. Teri Hall

University Union, Room 232
(410) 704-2332

- **Director of Student Activities:**
David Satterlee
University Union, Room 220
(410) 704-2309
- **Coordinator for Fraternity and Sorority Life:**
Christian Miele
University Union, Room 232C
(410) 704-3741