

Hazing

Summary/Purpose: To educate University students concerning hazing and to protect the University community from hazing and its effects.

The University of Mississippi prohibits hazing in any form. According to the National Fraternity Executive's Association and Fraternity Insurance Purchasing Group, hazing is:

any action taken or situation created, intentionally, whether on or off fraternity premises, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, 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 shock; quests, treasure hunts, scavenger hunts, road trips, or any other such activities carried on outside the confines of the house; publicly wearing apparel that is conspicuous and not normally in good taste; engaging in public stunts and buffoonery; morally degrading or humiliating games and activities; and any other activities that are not consistent with fraternal law, ritual, or policy or the regulations and policies of the educational institution.

In addition to sanctions from the University judicial system, students and organizations who participate in or condone hazing may subject themselves to criminal prosecution and/or civil liability.