

Reporting Hazing

According to the law, a person can commit hazing by not only engaging in the activity, but also soliciting, encouraging, directing, aiding or attempting to aid in hazing; and by intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly allowing hazing to occur. Witnessing hazing or having first-hand knowledge that a hazing incident is planned or has occurred can also be considered hazing, as defined by law.

In an effort to encourage reporting of hazing incidents, the law grants immunity from civil or criminal liability to any person who reports a specific hazing event in good faith and without malice to the Dean of Students or other appropriate University official, such as staff in the Office of Student Conduct & Community Standards. A person may also be granted amnesty for any potential liability in university student conduct proceedings. Additionally, a doctor or other medical practitioner who treats a student who may have been subjected to hazing may make a good faith report of the suspected hazing activities to police or other law enforcement officials and is immune from civil or other liability that might otherwise be imposed or incurred as a result of the report. The penalty for the failure to report incidents of hazing is a fine of up to \$1,000, up to 180 days in jail, or both. Penalties for other hazing offenses vary according to the severity of the injury which results and include fines from \$500 to \$10,000 and/or up to two years of jail time.

Students who have knowledge of hazing activity can report it to the Office of Student Conduct & Community Standards by clicking [here](#) or to the Southern Methodist University Police Department or both. Information about hazing may also be reported anonymously through the SMU Police Department's Silent Witness Program by calling 214-SMU-2TIP or online at <http://www.smu.edu/2tip>. You can also report hazing anonymously via ReET@Tm0 8I1 1 72.025 \$0003004.2

Disciplined Organizations

In accordance with Texas Law, universities have a duty to report to the campus community all organizations that have been disciplined for hazing, on or off campus, during the preceding three years.

- **Beta Theta Pi**

Date of Incident(s): Between January 15, 2023 and February 9, 2023

Date Investigation was Initiated: February 10, 2023

General Description of Incident: Beta Theta Pi was allegedly hazing by requiring new members to perform calisthenics, consume distasteful food, and perform acts of servitude. New members were also exposed to activities that adversely affected their physical health and safety. Beta Theta Pi.

- **Kappa Alpha Theta**
 - Date of Incident:** October 28, 2020
 - Date Investigation was Initiated:** November 11, 2020
 - General Description of Incident:** Kappa Alpha Theta was allegedly hazing potential new members through forced consumption of alcohol at an off-campus location. Kappa Alpha Theta was charged with violating the following policies: Alcohol, Irresponsible Conduct, and Hazing.
 - Resolution:** Kappa Alpha Theta was found responsible for violating the following policies: Irresponsible Conduct, Alcohol, and Hazing. The resolution includes the completion of an Organization Accountability Agreement, which outlines several educational programs and requirements effective through May 15, 2023.
 - Date Investigation Concluded:** December 18, 2020

- **Kappa Alpha Theta**
 - Date of Incident:** February 10, 2022
 - Date Investigation was Initiated:** April 8, 2022
 - General Description of Incident:** Kappa Alpha Theta was allegedly hazing new members through forced consumption of alcohol at an off-campus location. New members were also exposed to activities that adversely affected their physical health and safety.
 - Resolution:** The national organization Kappa Alpha Theta entered into an Organizational Accountability Agreement with SMU through May 15, 2026, which includes removal from campus for a period of time and additional educational programs and requirements.
 - Date Investigation Concluded:** July 24, 2022

- **Sigma Chi**
Date of Incident: September 16-18, 2024
Date Investigation was Initiated: September 19, 2024
General Description of Incident: Sigma Chi was allegedly hazing new members by exposing their new members to activities that affected their physical health and safety. Sigma Chi was charged with violating the following policies: Alcohol, Hazing, Irresponsible Conduct, and Failure to Comply.
Resolution: Sigma Chi was found responsible for violating the following policies: Alcohol, Hazing, Irresponsible Conduct, and Failure to Comply. The resolution is currently pending.
Date Investigation Concluded: November 5, 2024
- **Sigma Chi**
Date of Incident: Between February 1, 2023 and February 28, 2023
Date Investigation was Initiated: September 1, 2023
General Description of Incident: Sigma Chi was allegedly hazing new members by exposing their new members to activities that affected their physical health and safety. Sigma Chi was charged with violating the following policies: Hazing, Irresponsible Conduct, and Failure to Comply.
Resolution: Sigma Chi was found responsible for violating the following policies: Hazing, Irresponsible Conduct, and Failure to Comply. The resolution includes the completion of an Organization Accountability Agreement, which outlines several educational programs and requirements effective through December 15, 2025.
Date Investigation Concluded: November 13, 2023
- **Sigma Nu**
Date of Incident: September 28, 2021
Date Investigation was Initiated: November 19, 2021
General Description of Incident: Sigma Nu was allegedly hazing new members by forcing new members to participate in calisthenics and imposing required methods of communication and attire. Sigma Nu was charged with violating the following policies: Hazing and Irresponsible Conduct.
Resolution: Sigma Nu was found responsible for violating the following policies: Hazing and Irresponsible Conduct. Resolution includes several educational program and requirements and Deferred Suspension through December 31, 2022.
Date Investigation Concluded: December 3, 2021

Reporting Hazing on Campus

- To report a hazing incident on campus, please use the [Hazing Reporting Form](#). This form notifies the Office of St

Additional Resources

For a list of additional resources, please see below:

- **Office of the Dean of Students**
Hughes-Trigg Student Center, Suite 205
- **Office of Student Conduct & Community Standards**
Hughes-Trigg Student Center, Suite 205
- **Southern Methodist University Student Code of Conduct:**
<https://www.smu.edu/studentaffairs/dean-of-students/student-handbook>
- **Hazing Prevention Website**
<http://hazingprevention.org/>