

Office of Greek Life

As a member of the Greek community, members will understand that hazing acts are both unethical and illegal and do not promote brotherhood/sisterhood. No chapter, colony, student, new member/pledge, or alumnus shall conduct, condone, or participate in any hazing activity. Members will agree to acknowledge and abide by McKendree University's hazing policy, as well as all applicable state and federal laws.

Members of the Greek community will not willingly participate in or allow hazing activities to take place in their chapter or other chapters, and will report any hazing activities they experience or witness. Members will further understand that if they refuse to participate or report in good faith any activity that is defined as hazing their membership into the Greek community cannot be jeopardized.

McKendree University Policy

16.00 Hazing

No person(s) shall force any member(s) of the University community to engage in degrading or humiliating activities and situations, or place person(s) in situations which threaten their health, safety, and well-being for purposes of gaining entry into or remaining in any organization or group. The following are clear examples of hazing, and will not be tolerated by McKendree University:

- Forced Consumption of drugs and/or alcohol, either by command or implied pressure
- Sleep deprivation or creation of excessive fatigue
- Deprivation of food or water
- Endurance of activities such as forced exercise
- Paddling in any form
- Forced vandalism and/or shoplifting
- Physical and psychological shocks
- Road trips or other such activities
- Wearing publicity, any apparel which is conspicuous and not in normally good taste
- Engaging in public stunts or pranks
- Morally degrading or humiliating games or activities
- Late work sessions which interfere with scholastic activities
- Any other activities which are not consistent with the regulations and policies of McKendree University

Known offenders will run the risk of losing the right to attend McKendree University. Those in violation of the Illinois Hazing Act, are also subject to the sanctions of the state of Illinois.

Illinois State Law

§ 720 ILCS 120/5. Hazing

Sec. 5. **Hazing.** A person commits **hazing** who knowingly requires the performance of any act by a student or other person in a school, college, university, or other educational institution of this State, for the purpose of induction or admission into any group, organization, or society associated or connected with that institution if:

- (a) the act is not sanctioned or authorized by that educational institution; and
- (b) the act results in bodily harm to any person.

§ 720 ILCS 120/10. Sentence

Sec. 10. Sentence. **Hazing** is a Class A misdemeanor, except **hazing** that results in death or great bodily harm is a Class 4 felony.