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Overview

In accordance with the Higher Education Act of 1965, Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Act, and the Stop Campus Hazing Act (H.R.5646), Fairmont State University has established the Campus Hazing Transparency Report. This report reflects the University's ongoing commitment to fostering a safe and supportive campus environment. Fairmont State University actively monitors and investigates all reported allegations of hazing.

The University began collecting hazing-related data and statistics in January 2025. This information is incorporated into the current 2026 Annual Security and Fire Safety Report, which can be found at:

<https://www.fairmontstate.edu/about/university-police/jeanne-clery-act.aspx>

The Campus Hazing Transparency Report is document that provides data and information regarding hazing incidents that were determined to be violations of Fairmont State University policy.

Campus Hazing Transparency Report includes the following information:

- The name of any student organization found responsible for hazing violations.
- A general description of the violation that resulted in the finding of responsibility, including whether the incident involved the use or abuse of alcohol or illegal drugs.
- Any sanctions imposed on the student organization by the institution, as applicable.
- Specific dates associated with the incident, including:
 - The date the alleged incident occurred,
 - The date the investigation was initiated,
 - The date the investigation concluded with a finding of responsibility, and
 - The date the institution notified the student organization of the violation.

The Campus Hazing Transparency Report will be updated at least twice per year. If no violations have been recorded during a reporting period, a statement indicating that no findings of hazing behavior occurred will be posted in the place of new entries.

Fairmont State University Hazing Policy

Fairmont State University prohibits hazing, in any University organization, program or activity. This policy applied to all individuals participating including faculty, staff, students, organizations, volunteers, and others. The University has adopted the federal and state definitions of hazing. The institution prioritizes the prevention of and transparency of hazing at Fairmont State University. Fairmont State University's Anti-Hazing Policy can be found at:

<http://www.fairmontstate.edu/files/policies/1201-admin-policy-antihazing.pdf>

3.1. HAZING: any intentional, knowing, or reckless act committed by a person (whether individually or in concert with other persons) against another person or persons regardless of the willingness of such other person or persons to participate, that:

3.1.1. Is committed in the course of an initiation into, an affiliation with, or the maintenance of membership in, a student organization; and

3.1.2. Endangers the mental or physical health or safety of another person or persons, causes or creates a risk, above the reasonable risk encountered in the course of participation in the University or organizations (such as the physical preparation necessary for participation in an athletic team), of physical or psychological injury, or extreme embarrassment, or causes another person or persons to destroy or remove public or private property, including but not limited to:

3.1.2.1. Whipping, beating, branding, striking, electronic shocking, placing of a harmful substance on someone's body, or similar activity;

3.1.2.2. Causing, coercing, or otherwise inducing sleep deprivation, forced exclusion from social contact, exposure to the elements, confinement in a small space, extreme calisthenics, or other similar activity;

3.1.2.3. Causing, coercing, or otherwise inducing another person to consume food, liquid, alcohol, drugs, or other substances;

3.1.2.4. Causing, coercing, or otherwise inducing another person to perform sexual acts; **3.1.2.5.** Any activity that places another person in

reasonable fear of bodily harm through the use of threatening words or conduct;

3.1.2.6. Any activity against another person that includes, or that induces, causes, or requires another person to perform a duty or task that involves, a criminal violation of local, State, or Federal law.

3.1.3. A person cannot consent (expressly or implicitly) to hazing for purposes of this policy.

3.1.4. This definition encompasses both the West Virginia and federal definitions of “hazing.”

W. Va. State Code Definitions

“Hazing” means to cause any action or situation which recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health or safety of another person or persons or causes another person or persons to destroy or remove public or private property for the purpose of initiation or admission into or affiliation with, or as a condition for continued membership in, any organization the members of which are primarily students or alumni of an institution of higher education. The term includes, but is not limited to, acts of a physical nature, such as whipping, beating, branding, required consumption of any food, liquor, drug, or other substance, or any other required physical activity which could reasonably be deemed to adversely affect the physical health and safety of the person or persons so treated, and includes any activity which would subject the person or persons so treated to extreme mental stress, such as sleep deprivation, forced exclusion from social contact, required conduct which could result in extreme embarrassment, or any other required activity which could reasonably be deemed to adversely affect the mental health or dignity of the person or persons so treated, or any willful destruction or removal of public or private property: Provided, That the implied or expressed consent or willingness of a person or persons to hazing may not be a defense under this section. **W. Va. Code §18-16-2.**

Any person who causes hazing is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000, or confined in jail for not more than nine months, or both fined and confined. **W. Va. Code §18-16-3.**

Reporting Hazing

Hazing presents a serious risk to the health and safety of the campus community. To create a campus environment where every student feels respected, safe, and supported, it is expected that any member of the campus community, with knowledge of hazing, will report the incident.

Fairmont State University encourages all individuals who have knowledge of, or wish to self-report, any activity that may constitute hazing to promptly contact the appropriate campus authorities. Reports may be made to:

University Police Department

Pence Hall 1st Floor Lobby

(304) 367-4157 or (304) 367-HELP

publicsafety@fairmontstate.edu

Office of Title IX & Compliance

Hardway Hall Room 231

(304) 367-4689

Jessica.Kropog@fairmontstate.edu

Office of Student Affairs

Turley Center Room 307

(304) 367-4937

studentaffairs@fairmontstate.edu

Student Wellbeing & Housing

317 Turley Center

(304) 333-3708

Luke.Kopp@fairmontstate.edu

Director of Housing &

Residence Life

(304) 367-4216

Christopher.Heaton@fairmontstate.edu

Student Conduct Reporting Form

https://fsubehsci.sjc1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1AH6rDEFhvSpskR

All reports are handled with care and in accordance with university policies and procedures to ensure the safety and well-being of the campus community.

Hazing Cases Where Organization Was Found Responsible

Date of Incident	Name of Student Organization	Description of Violation	Did Violation Involve Illegal Abuse of Drugs/Alcohol	Date Investigation was Initiated	Date Investigation Ended with Violation	Date Notice was Provided to Organization
12/24/25-05/31/26	None Reported	None Reported	None Reported	None Reported	None Reported	None Reported
06/01/26-9/01/26	None Reported	None Reported	None Reported	None Reported	None Reported	None Reported

HAZING STATISTICS FOR 2025

OFFENSE	YEAR	ON-CAMPUS	ON-CAMPUS HOUSING	NON-CAMPUS	PUBLIC PROPERTY	TOTAL
HAZING	2025	0	0	0	0	0