

## **Campus Hazing Transparency Report**

Missouri Western State University

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Pursuant to the Stop Campus Hazing Act, Missouri Western State University will publish and update, at least twice annually, the Campus Hazing Transparency Report summarizing findings concerning established or recognized student organizations found to be in violation of our hazing standard. Beginning January 1, 2025, the University started collecting hazing data in accordance with federal guidelines.

All of the institution's statistics of reports of hazing, as well as other campus safety information, are housed in the Annual Security Report which can be found at <https://www.missouriwestern.edu/policedepartment/> or a hard copy can be requested at Blum Union Suite 201, 4525 Downs Drive, St. Joseph, MO 64507.

A copy of the institution's Daily Crime Log, which includes 60 days of reported crimes identified by the Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Act, can also be requested at Blum Union Suite 201, 4525 Downs Drive, St. Joseph, MO 64507 and includes all reported acts of hazing within the institution's Clery geography boundaries, including its patrol jurisdiction.

## **Stop Campus Hazing Policy and Programming**

Hazing, which is defined as *any act which endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student, or which destroys or removes public or private property, for the purpose of initiation, admission into, affiliation with, or as a condition for continued membership in a group or organization*, is prohibited by the University.

Hazing violates university policy, state law and recognized student organization policies.

If you are a victim of hazing, you may contact any of the following: Daniel Avegalio, the Dean of Students, at (816) 271-5991; Jacob Lazzo, EO & Title IX Coordinator, at (816) 271-4557; or the MWSU Police Department at (816) 271-4438. Those who witness or hear about an incident of hazing are also encouraged to report in the same manner.

When a report of hazing is received, the Dean of Student's Office will make a determination regarding whether an investigation must occur. If so, an investigator will be assigned to gather information and conduct interviews, as appropriate. The investigator will report any findings and

make a recommendation for sanctions as appropriate to the relevant administrator for implementation. The institution strives to complete the investigation within 30 business days.

An individual may appeal the decision within 5 days of being notified of the decision. The appeal officer will render a decision within 14 business days of receiving an appeal. The appeal officer's decision is final.

## **Hazing Prevention and Awareness Program**

The institution provides prevention and awareness programming related to hazing. The community is reminded that hazing is prohibited and is provided information regarding how to file a report how reports of hazing are investigated and information regarding local, state and tribal laws on hazing.

In addition, the institution provides research-informed programming for students and employees that covers a wide range of information designed to stop hazing before it occurs. It includes information regarding bystander intervention, such as how to take steps to watch out for those around you, as well as information regarding ethical leadership. Community members are also provided information regarding how to strengthen group ties without engaging in hazing behavior.

## **Hazing State Laws**

<b>Summary (Code of Missouri)</b>
<p>1. A person commits the offense of hazing if he or she knowingly participates in or causes a willful act, occurring on or off the campus of a public or private college or university, directed against a student or a prospective member of an organization operating under the sanction of a public or private college or university, that recklessly endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student or prospective member for the purpose of initiation or admission into or continued membership in any such organization to the extent that such person is knowingly placed at probable risk of the loss of life or probable bodily or psychological harm. Acts of hazing include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Any activity which recklessly endangers the physical health or safety of the student or prospective member, including but not limited to physical brutality, whipping, beating, branding, exposure to the elements, forced consumption of any food, liquor, drug or other substance, or forced smoking or chewing of tobacco products;</li><li>b. Any activity which recklessly endangers the mental health of the student or prospective member, including but not limited to sleep deprivation, physical confinement, or other extreme stress-inducing activity; or</li><li>c. Any activity that requires the student or prospective member to perform a duty or task which involves a violation of the criminal laws of this state or any political subdivision in this state.</li></ul>

#### **Summary (Code of Missouri)**

2. Public or private colleges or universities in this state shall adopt a written policy prohibiting hazing by any organization operating under the sanction of the institution.
3. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted as creating a new private cause of action against any educational institution.
4. Consent is not a defense to hazing. Section 565.010 does not apply to hazing cases or to homicide cases arising out of hazing activity.
5. The offense of hazing is a class A misdemeanor, unless the act creates a substantial risk to the life of the student or prospective member, in which case it is a class D felony. Mo. Rev. Stat. § 578.365. The full statute is available at [Revised Statutes of Missouri, RSMo Section 578.365](#).

#### **January 1, 2025-June 30, 2025**

During this reporting period, there were no student organizations found responsible for hazing violation(s).

#### **July 1, 2025-December 31, 2025**

During this reporting period, there were no student organizations found responsible for hazing violation(s).

<b>Student Organization Name</b>		<b>Description of Incident(s)</b>
<b>Date(s) of Hazing Incident(s)</b>		
<b>Date Reported</b>		
<b>Investigation Start Date</b>		
<b>Date of Finding</b>		
<b>Alcohol or other drug involvement</b>		
<b>Date student organization was provided notice of hazing violation</b>		
<b>Location</b>		
<b>Finding(s)</b>		
<b>Sanction(s)</b>		

\*The Campus Hazing Transparency Report will be maintained for, at minimum, a period of five calendar years from the date of publication of the most recent update. However, in alignment with Clery Act requirements to retain records supporting information in the ASR for seven years, State Tech has chosen to retain all data posted in the Campus Hazing Transparency Report related to Clery Act reporting for seven calendar years.